

Grace: Greater Than All Our Sin

Main Idea: Sin is an internal condition of the heart, with uncontrollable effects on future generations, that can only be redeemed by the grace of Another.

The definition of sin in three parts:

1. Sin comes from the heart (18-22)

Ephesians 5:17-18

Matthew 15:18-19

Application: Stay on guard against sin

James 1:14

Quote: [Noah] was no longer in circumstances so difficult as to force him to watch and pray, as to drive him to God's side. The temptations Noah had before known were mainly from without; he now learned that those from within are more serious. Many of us find it comparatively easy to carry clean hands before the public...but how careless are we often in our domestic life, and how little strain do we put upon ourselves in the company of those whom we can trust. What petulance and irritability, what angry slanderous words, what sensuality and indolence could own homes witness to! Noah is not the only man who has walked uprightly and kept his garment unspotted from the world so long as the eye of man was on him, but who has lain uncovered on his own tent floor."

- Marcus Dodds

Quote: "Especially let those of us who have for years been fighting mainly against on sin beware of thinking that if only *that* were defeated we should be free from sin." - Marcus Dodds

2. Sin runs down hill (24-29)

Quote: "These descendants were not cursed because of what Ham did: they were cursed because they acted as their ancestor had." - Allen P. Ross

Cite: Leviticus 18:24

Applications:

- Honoring your parents is a bigger deal than you think
- Be merciless when fighting your own sexual temptation
- Cite: 1 Corinthians 6:12-13

3. Sin can only be redeemed by the grace of Another (23)

Cite:

Colossians 3:1-4

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Applications:

- Let us deal with sin through the gospel
- Let us not long for "the old days"
- Cite: Ecclesiastes 7:10