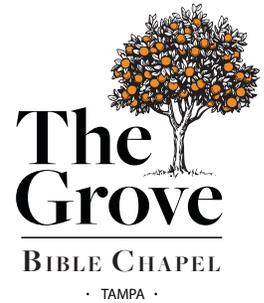


The sinfulness of man



Consider your sinfulness

I do not think that we are cognizant of 5% of our actual sins.

We commit 1000's of sins a day. To realize that we have never done *anything* that is by itself even partially approved by God

There are sins of commission and sins of omission.

Man is sinFUL.

Sin is a multifaceted malignancy.

There abides a deep and developed moral malignancy with all of us. The greatest expression of this moral malignancy is a spiritual defection.

Outside of Christ we are spiritual cockroaches that love the darkness and hate the light. We are spiritual slugs that leave behind us a slimy trail of muck.

Your life, all of it, is an infinite offense against God.

Your life is a colossal spiritual offense. You are a zero on the scale of personal spiritual achievement. I am a massive failure in the eyes of God.

There is nothing good within you.

We commit thousands of sins every day. Let's take one attitude filled thought like "She doesn't match very well." That can be a simple observation, but it can also be a very sinful statement.

Here are the sins and verses that are broken with that simple thought alone:

Pride

Selfishness (Phil. 2:4)

Haughty eye

Favoritism (James 2:1ff)

Materialism

Judging

Hatred

Rom. 12:16 (4 commands disobeyed)

Isaiah 48:11

Every moment of my life is most likely clouded by multiple sins of commission and omission!

Words for sin the Bible

Rebellion

Iniquity

Abomination (Ezek. 36:31)

Waywardness

Stiff-necked

Hard

Transgression

Blood guiltiness (Psalm 51:16, 17)

Harlotry

Ezek. 16:30 "How sick is your heart, declares the Lord God, because you did all these things, the deeds of a brazen prostitute..."

Eccles. 9:3 "The hearts of men moreover are full of evil and there is madness in their hearts while they live."

Know well that every rebel desire, thought, and action shows a despising of Christ and His work on the cross.

1. **Our complete and utter sinfulness: Sin Dominates Human Existence**

Psalm 14:1-3 "The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good. The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men To see if there are any who understand, Who seek after God. They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one."

Isaiah 1:5 "Where you will be stricken again as you continue in your rebellion? The whole head is sick, the whole heart is faint."

Prov. 21:4 "...the lamp of the wicked is sin"
i.e., the labor of the wicked is sin

Prov. 15:8 "The sacrifices of the wicked are an abomination"

Prov. 15:26 "The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord"

Rom 3:10-18

Isaiah 64:6

Sin by nature

Jer. 13:23 "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard change his spots? Then neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil."

Genesis 6:5 "Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

Sin fills our hearts and is the human experience

Mark 7:20-22 The heart of man is filled with every category of sin; this is total rebellion.

Eph. 4:17-19 Every faculty of man is corrupted by sin

Isaiah 31:6 Return to Him from whom you have *deeply* defected

1 Kings 8:38 our heart is plagued with sin

2. Sin, war with God and reconciliation: We are depraved because of our sinful inclination

Our problem is not simply that our actions are broken but that our attitude is anti-God

John 3:19-21 Fleeing the light

Not only are we in darkness, we love the darkness.

When you are confronted with the light and reject it you are going further into darkness.

Isaiah 53:6 Fleeing the leadership

Rom. 3:12 "All have turned aside, together they have become useless. There is none who does good. There is not even one."

Job 21:14, 15 "They say to God, "**Leave us alone!** We have no desire to know Your ways. Who is the Almighty, that we should serve Him, and what should we gain if we entreat Him?"

The need for reconciliation

If you want to be saved... there is an impediment: the rebellion of your sin

You must understand your sin.

You must own your sin.

Isaiah 59:1-2

Your sin is a barrier between you and God

Your sin is your fault!

Our sin is a huge problem. It's our problem.

I contend with you that we are not actively aware of even 5% of our sin!

(Repeat) My sin is my problem!!

Get rid of God!

(Bonar, "Man's Dislike of a Present God")

They say to God, "**Leave us alone!** We have no desire to know Your ways." Job 21:14

The men who speak thus are not atheists. They do not say there is **no** God. They may be scoffers, blasphemers, ungodly; but they are not atheists.

They whom Job describes are **worldly men**. God seems to them as a dark shadow overclouding all their joy. **The world, with its riches, its possessions, its pleasures, its friendships, is their all.**

They have nothing beyond it, and they do not wish anything beyond it. They are satisfied. They love the world, and are resolved to make the best of it that they can. When anything comes in between it and them, or threatens to prevent their enjoying it, such as pain, or sickness, or death, they thrust it away.

Fallen man has no liking for God or His ways.

He looks on Him as...

an obstruction,
an unpleasant visitor,
a dark cloud,
a spoiler of his pleasure.

Man has a desire to **get rid of God**; to thrust Him into a corner of His universe, where He will least disturb him.

At the bottom of all this feeling is the love of the world. It is this that prompts men to seek to **get rid of God**.

An abstraction, a creed, a system of theology, they bear with, because it does not interfere with their worldliness; but God Himself can only be tolerated as **a shadowy, impalpable, far distant being**.

Thus the age tries to **get rid of God**. It does so, because it **dreads** Him; it has **no relish** for Him; His presence is a gloomy shadow; His nearness would interfere with all worldly schemes and pleasures.

They say to God, "**Leave us alone!** We have no desire to know Your ways." Job 21:14

3. Man's aggressive pursuit of sin

Jer. 4:22 "For My people are foolish. They know Me not; they are stupid children and they have no understanding. They are shrewd to do evil but to do good they do not."

2 Pet. 2:22 (cf. Prov. 26:11)

As a dog returns to his vomit

Jer. 9:5 People weary themselves doing iniquity

Prov. 10:23 a fool sins as if it were sport

Job 15:16 man drinks sin like water

John 3:19-21 Fleeing the light

Not only are we in darkness, we love the darkness.

4. The deep threat of sin to our soul

Gen. 4:7 Sin lies at the door and its desire is for you

God knows all of your sin, so give it up

Num. 32:23 "...be sure that your sins will find you out."

Gal. 6:7 "Be not deceived. God is not mocked. Whatever you sow you will reap."

Luke 12:2-3

1 Cor. 4:5

Heb. 4:12

Ezek. 18:30 "Repent and turn away from all your transgressions so that your iniquity may not become a stumbling block to you."

5. Sin wages war against us: Sin is our mortal enemy

Sin is waiting prepared to take us out

Gen. 4:7 Sin is crouching at the door and its desire is for you, but you must master it.

1 Pet. 2:11 "...abstain from fleshly lusts that wage war against your souls."

Hosea 5:4-5 "Their deeds will not allow them to return to their God, for a spirit of harlotry is within them, and they do not know the Lord. Moreover the pride of Israel testifies against him and Israel and Ephraim stumble in their iniquity."

Ezek. 18:29-32 A great OT passage on repentance!

Isaiah 59:12 "For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us. For our transgressions are with us and we know our iniquities."

Sin is aggressively waging a war against the Spirit.

Our flesh is a massive impediment to overcome

Rom. 8:6-13

Gal. 5:17

Sin is spiritual insanity

Acts 19: 28-34

v. 34 shouted for 2 hours!

Calling for Barrabas and forsaking Jesus ***All 4 gospels record the spiritual insanity of this

Matt. 27:17-21

Mark 15:9-11

Luke 23:16-19

John 18:39-40

6. The enslavement of sin

John 8:34 everyone who sins is a slave to sin

Prov. 5:21-23 "For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He watches all his paths. His own iniquities will capture the wicked, and he will be held with the cords of sin. He will die for lack of instruction and in the greatness of his folly he will go astray."

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Prov. 10:20 The soul of the wicked is worth little

Redemption from worthlessness to worth through the cross

This most likely sounds to be a very harsh statement; however, while it may seem very harsh it for me is great mercy. *Do you not recognize that without redemption through Christ that you are a worthless waste of cosmic dust?*

It is ironic how well the weeds of sin root so easily in a hard and stony heart. Conversely in the most perfect conditions the roots of godliness take years to develop strength.

7. Deception of sin

Hypocrisy

Isaiah 29:13

Ezek. 33:31 (cf. Mark 7:6)

Zech. 7:5-6

Hypocrisy is to understand something about God that you do not feel deeply about.

Sin Makes us Spiritually Blind

Without Christ we are wandering blindly.

Matt. 13:14 "You will keep on hearing , but will not understand; you will keep on seeing, but will not perceive."

You are clueless and deceived

8. All are guilty in the presence of God

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Psalm 130:3

Psalm 143:2

Eccles. 7:20 Indeed there is not a righteous man on the earth who continually does good and never sins

Ezek. 18:4 the soul that sins, it will die

9. Sin and pain and judgment

Prov. 13:15 The way of the transgressor is hard

Prov. 13:21 Adversity pursues the wicked

Shame and sin

Dan. 9:7-9

Rom. 6:21

Fear the judgment of God deeply

Sin Makes us God's Enemy

Ezek. 18:4 "...the soul that sins, it shall die."

Gal. 3:10 "Cursed is everyone that does not continue in all of the things written in the book of the law of the Lord to do them."

Rom. 2:5

Rom. 6:23

Rom. 8:7ff.

James 4:4 Friendship with the world is enmity with God.

God judges His enemies

Deut 7:9-11

This is absolute terror- that the God who holds volcanoes in His hands... that burning lava which flows between 1300 F and 2200 F is not hot to God... this makes me fear a confrontation with Him.

Rev. 19:11-16

Isaiah 63:1-7 Tread the winepress...horses bridle

Isaiah 59:16-18

Joel 3:13

Desires are misplaced; to desire something other than God is idolatry