



Doctrine | Week 12 | Sin

Big Idea:

What is wrong with the world?

- Sin is what went wrong!
- Sin is all about wrecking relationships. God is at work to save the world He made from sin, restore our relationships, and bring us back to Him.

Remember How sin Began!

Sin - Harmartiology...

What is sin?

1. Personal Sin.

Romans 3:10 & 23 *"As it is written: 'There is none righteous, no, not one';... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

2. Inherited Sin.

Tim Keller in The Reason for God

"According to the Bible, the primary way to define sin is not just the doing of bad things, but the making of good things into ultimate things. It is seeking to establish a sense of self by making something else more central to your significance, purpose, and happiness than your relationship with God."

Sin is Relational

The relationship between **God and people** (**Genesis 3:10,23,24**),
The relationship between **creation and people** (**Genesis 3:17-19**),
The relationships of one **person to another** (**Genesis 3:12,16**).

Peace is broken and **harmony disappears** when sin arrives

Death arrives for the first time into God's good creation.

Isaiah 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

Sin is what went wrong with the world

Sin is Directional

Simone Weil wrote, "All sins are attempts to fill voids. Because we cannot stand the God-shaped hole inside of us, we try stuffing it full of all sorts of things, but only God may fill it."

Repentance is Directional

Repentance Requires a Savior

Romans 7:24-25 *The Message* "I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question? The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does. He acted to set things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind, but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different."

Romans 5:8 NIV "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

1 John 1:9, CEV "But if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away."