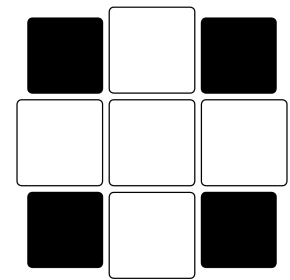


Salvation and Sin

Scripture: **1 John 3:4–7**

Series: **Doctrine & Devotion: A Study in the First Epistle of John**

Sunday, July 19, 2015



REDEEMER
FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The external difference between the believer and the non-believer is righteousness possessed and practiced.

Corroborating Texts

Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, 1 Peter 1:22, 2 Corinthians 5:21

Discussion Questions

1. Why is our answer to "What does a Christian look like?" so important? Our definition of this tends to cause either despair or arrogance—which do you find yourself falling into?
2. John defines sin as lawlessness, or, in other words, "cosmic treason." In what way is sin cosmic treason? Do you view sin like this? If not, why not?
3. Are there specific sins in your life that you have a tendency to make light of and presume on the grace of God with? What lie are you believing in those moments?
4. Given that sin is an ever-present reality for the Christian, what should our motivation be as we seek to kill it? Does becoming more like Jesus appeal to you? Who or what do you desire to become like instead of Jesus?
5. What does John mean when he says "No one abides in him keeps on sinning?" What does this show us about the importance of repentance in our lives? Do you notice a tangible difference in your response to sin since becoming a Christian? If so, how so?
6. What's the connection between our possessive righteousness and our practiced righteousness? Why is the order so important?
7. How are you currently responding to the sin in your life? How does looking to Jesus lead us into good works?