

“Getting Back To Basics: God’s Truth About Sin”

Lesson Text: **Romans 1:21-32.**

I. What Is Sin? And Why Is It So Bad For Us?

- Sin Defined: **1 John 3:4; 5:17.**
 - It Is A Choice, The Wrong Choice- **James 1:14-15;** Adam & Eve In **Genesis 3:6-7;** Achan In **Joshua 7:20-21;** Judas In **Matthew 26:15;** Ananias & Sapphira In **Acts 5:1-10.**
- It Goes Against God’s Will For Our Lives.
 - **1 Thessalonians 4:2-8.**
- It Hurts Us, And Others More Than We Know!
 - Someone Has Rightly Said: “*Sin Takes Us Farther Than We Were Ever Willing To Go, Keeps Us Longer Than We Ever Wanted To Stay, And Cost Us More Than We Were Ever Willing To Pay!*”
 - Samson- **Judges 16:30;** David- **2 Samuel 11:1-27.**
- It Brings No Good To Our Lives.
 - Can We Even Think Of One Sin That Produces Good Fruit? **Matthew 12:33-34.**
 - It Is Only By Following The Good That God Shows Us In Scripture, We Can Have Good.
 - **Deuteronomy 6:24.**
 - Sin Robs Us Of Good In Our Lives- **Proverbs 13:21; Titus 3:3.**
 - But We Can Have Good- **Isaiah 1:16-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:15; 1 Peter 3:10-11.**
- It Brings About Our Own Destruction.
 - Haman Brought About His Own Destruction In **Esther 9:25; Proverbs 16:18.**
 - The Love Of Money- **1 Timothy 6:9-10.**

II. Great Lies About Sin That Deceive Us.

- Idolatry Was All A Big Lie! **Romans 1:21-23; Jeremiah 10:8-10.**
- Sin Masquerades As Freedom & Liberty... But Is A Prison! **2 Peter 2:18-19.**
 - Freethinkers- The Freedom of Atheism. “*I Sleep In On Sundays....*”
 - The Immorality Of Living Only For Pleasure; “*I Can Do What I want!*”
 - The Selfish, Uncaring Person; “*I'm Living For Myself Now!*”
- “*My Sins Don't Hurt Me At All.*” **Romans 6:23; Galatians 6:7-8.**
- Some Will Teach That Christians Can’t Sin.
 - Proof Text: **1 John 3:9.**
 - But God’s Word Says Differently- **1 John 1:7-9.**
- Or That Sin Will Never Separate The Believer From God.
 - Proof Text: **Romans 8:35.**
 - But God’s Word Says Differently- **Isaiah 59:1-2; 1 Corinthians 9:27.**

III. God’s Truth That Will Set Us Free From Sin.

- **Romans 6:17-23.**