

**REFRESH**  
"A Theology of Sin"  
**Romans 1:18-24**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. *Ephesians 2:8-9*
2. *2 Corinthians 5:17*
3. *1 Corinthians 6:9-11*
4. One reason we don't have a high view of sin today is because we have such a low view of God.
5. **SIN DEFINED:**
  - a) "Sin is any failure to conform to God's standard for His Word"
    - in action,
    - in failure to act,
    - or in attitude
6. Greek Word of Sin is "*Harmartia*" - which means to miss the mark

**I. SIN INVITES GOD'S WRATH**

1. Scripture's Sin Vocabulary:
  - Sin
  - Ungodliness
  - Wickedness
  - Trespass
  - Unrighteousness
3. Sin is a failure to conform to God's Law.
4. *Romans 3:23*
  - a) "*sinned*" - to miss the mark

**A. THE ORIGIN OF SIN**

1. *Genesis 2:16-17*
2. *Genesis 3:6-7*
  - a) The surrender of innocence.
3. *Romans 5:12, 19* **WOW!!!!**
4. *Psalms 51:5*
5. *Romans 5:10*

6. *Colossians 1:21*

7. *James 4:4*

8. *Ephesians 2:3-4*

## B. THE EXTENT OF SIN

1. *Romans 3:23* - Everybody

2. *Romans 7:18*

## C. THE INTENT OF SIN

1. It Will Disappoint - *Hebrews 11:25*

2. It will trip you - *Hebrews 12:1*

3. It will enslave you - *Romans 6:16*

4. It will expose you - *Numbers 32:23*

## D. THE INVITATION OF SIN

1. *Romans 1:18*

a) "*wrath*" - God's deep seated, burning, holy anger against sin.

b) "*revealed*" - God's revealing is a continuous action.

## II. THERE ARE NO EXCUSES

1. *Romans 6:14*

### A. SIN SUPPRESSES THE TRUTH

1. Vs 18

a) "*suppress*" - means to hold it down. To stiff arm God.

2. Every choice to do wrong is a choice to push God away.

a) Wrong attitudes

b) Good deeds undone

c) Wrong deeds

## B. OUR CONSCIENCE CONVICTS US

### 1. Vs 19

a) "For what can be known about God is **plain to them**, because God has shown it to them."

b) "**plain**" - means evident or clearly seen.

### 2. Romans 2:14-15

a) "**written on their hearts**" - that's their conscience.

### 3. 1 Timothy 4:2

a) "seared" -

## C. OUR CREATOR CONVICTS US

### 1. Romans 1:20

2. Evolution is the greatest lie Satan has ever told that hoisted up on the flagpole of human understanding.

### 3. Romans 1:18-19

### 4. Vs 20

a) "**without excuse**" - means no defense

1) You believe what?

2) Your doing what?

## III. SIN HAS A PLAN

### A. DISHONOR GOD

#### 1. Vs 21

a) "For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God."

b) "or give thanks"

### B. FUTILE THINKING

#### 1. Vs 21 b

a) "**futile**" - means pointless, not rooted in rational thought.

#### 2. Jeremiah 17:9

### **C. FOOLISH RELIGION**

1. Vs 22

a) "claiming to be wise they became fools"

2. Vs 23

3. **WOW!!!!** If you do not worship the Lord of all Creation - then you are worshipping something else.

### **IV. SIN ESCALATES**

#### **A. HANDED OVER**

1. Vs 24, 26, 28

a) "God gave them up"

1) This a judicial term which means to "hand over"

2. Judges 10:13-14

3. Judges 16:28ff Samson

4. Galatians 6:7

#### **B. GOD REMOVES RESTRAINT**

1. Romans 1:24

a) "impurity" - sexual immorality begins in the heart

2. Romans 1:26-27

a) "dishonorable passions" - perversion" - an unstoppable appetite for things that only shame, and enslave and blind us to the reality of sin.

3. Romans 1:28

a) "debased mind" - means no rational thinking

4. SOCIAL SINS: Vs 29-31

5. Romans 1:32 (The Promotion of Sin)

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. God in His rightful place is the cure!!!

2. 1 John 1:9