

iSin

Introduction: Perhaps the most difficult thing we face in life is being truthful with ourselves. The great difficulty is seeing our blind spots – the parts of our lives where we are lacking, the bad attitudes, the mistreatments of others, self-destructive habits, etc.

I. All Have Sinned (Rom. 3:23)

- A. “Sin” has different meaning to different people.
- B. “There is none who does good, no not one.” (Rom. 3:10 ff.)
- C. The truth about our lives and sin.
 - 1. Sin is transgression of God’s law. (1 Jn. 3:4)
 - 2. Sin isn’t just doing the wrong thing, it’s also *not* doing the good thing. (Jas. 4:17)
 - 3. The result of sin is death. (Rom. 6:23)
 - 4. All have sinned, and that means me.
- D. “But I’m a good person.”
 - 1. (Luke 18:9-14)
 - 2. It’s not a question of goodness in my life, it’s a question of, “have I sinned?”

II. All Have Fallen Short of God’s Glory

- A. The ultimate goal of the universe is to show God’s glory.
- B. What is the glory of God? The essence of his nature/character.
- C. Where is the glory of God?
 - 1. It’s all around us. Everything created reflects his glory. (Psa. 19:1)
 - 2. God’s glory is best seen in Jesus Christ. (Heb. 1:3; John 1:14)
 - 3. We’re commanded to recognize it and live for it. (1 Chron. 16:24; Rev. 4:11)
- D. It’s designed to be seen in us. (Gen. 1:26)
 - 1. Adam and Eve fall short of God’s glory. (Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12)
 - 2. Nadab and Abihu – obscuring God’s glory for the masses. (Lev. 10:1-3)

Conclusion: There’s no great tragedy than to be separated eternally from the presence of the glorious God who made us to be like Him. (Matt. 5: 48)