

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **1John 2:15-17**.
- B. Please note the chart in your *Family Talk* as we go through this lesson.
- C. I have listed six things to be considered about sin, and how through the gospel God can remedy them.

I. SIX CHARACTERISTICS OF SIN.

- A. The first three have to do with the sinner and the last three with the sin itself.
- B. Six things about sin:
 1. The **love** of sin (Heb.11:25; 1Jn. 2:15-16).
(**Heb 11:25**) choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin;
(**1Jn 2:15-16**) Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.
 2. The **practice** of sin (Rom. 1:28-32).
And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, **29** being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, **30** slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, **31** without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; **32** and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.
 3. The **state** of sin (Rom. 3:10, 23).
(**Rom 3:10**) as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;
(**Rom 3:23**) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
 4. The **guilt** of sin (Ac. 2:37).
Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"
 5. The **power** of sin (Rom. 6:23; 6:17).
(**Rom 6:23**) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(**Rom 6:17**) But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,
 6. The **punishment** of sin (2Th. 1:8-9).
dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. **9** And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

II. SIX CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GOSPEL.

- A. The first three are man's response to the gospel and the latter three are what God does for man who turns to Him.
- B. Six things about the gospel:
 1. **Faith** in God, X, and His word overcomes the love of sin (Heb. 11:6; Jn. 8:24).
(**Heb 11:6**) And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
(**Jn 8:24**) "I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins."
 2. **Repentance** of all past sins overcomes the practice of sin (Lk. 13:3; 2Cor. 7:10).
(**Lk 13:3**) "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."
(**2Cor 7:10**) For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death.
 3. **Baptism** into X overcomes the state of sin (Rom. 6:3,4; 1Cor. 12:13).
(**Rom 6:3-4**) Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been

baptized into His death? **4** Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

(1Cor 12:13) For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

4. **Remission** of all past sins overcomes the guilt of sin (Ac. 2:38; 22:16).

(Ac 2:38) And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

(Ac 22:16) 'And now why do you delay? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

5. The **Holy Spirit** is given to baptized believers, Who helps us overcome the power of sin (Ac. 2:38; 5:32).

(Ac 2:38) And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

(Ac 5:32) "And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

6. The **resurrection** to come of all the faithful overcomes the punishment of sin (1Th. 4:13-16).

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope. **14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. **15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. The contrast is clear, and solution is simple; the gospel overcomes sin.
- B. We invite you to obey JC and have your sins forgiven.
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring-Xians.