

## *The Message Notes*

**Series:** The Cross - Christ over Crisis

**Message:** *Christ over Sin - The Purpose of the Cross*

**Sunday,** March 29, 2020

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 2:24



### **1 Peter 2:24 (NLT)**

He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.

**The world is suffering from a crisis of sin – (see Romans 1:18-32) The culture has done the following:**

- **Displaced** God – does not retain God in their knowledge
- **Debased** minds – reprobate and dark
- **Degraded** behavior – vile and shameful conduct
- **Disastrous** results – consequences of sin

**What happened to the culture?** The church decided to become **consumer** based – in the **interests** of the customer.

“They are no longer sinners, they are customers.”

“To make our messages relevant, the **word sin was taken out of messages**, and anything else **controversial**, so as not to offend the customer. The church has turned to **marketing** instead of **ministry**, to grow the church.

Meanwhile, sin has been **desensitized**, **neutralized**, and **normalized** in our culture:

- **Desensitized:** We have become numb to sin
- **Neutralized:** We do not want to be labeled
- **Normalized:** We no longer confront sin

“We must be **awakened** to our sins before God, so we can experience a Spiritual awakening from God.” PK

### **Points to the Message:**

1. We must see \_\_\_\_\_ as God sees

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### **Why does God hate sin?**

- Sin separates us from God - **Isaiah 59:2 NLT**. It's your **sins** that have cut you off from God. Because of your **sins**, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.
- Sin prohibits God's presence (glory) - **Romans 3:23 NLT**. For everyone has sinned, we all **fall short of God's glorious standard**.

- Sin ends in death - **Romans 6:23a**. The wages of sin is death (eternal torment).

## 2. We need a \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 4:14 NLT**. Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the **Savior** of the world.

### We're guilty on three counts of sin:

- **Inborn sin (Adam) – Psalms 51:5 ESV**. Behold, I was brought forth in **iniquity**, and in **sin** (nature) did my mother conceive me.
- **Imputed sin (Law) – Romans 3:19 NLT**. Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is **guilty** before God. **v.20**. For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply **shows us how sinful we are**.
- **Individual sin (Bent) – 1 John 1:8-9 NLT**. If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. **v.9**. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

## 3. We must \_\_\_\_\_ sin and hate it

### **Psalms 51:2-4 NLT**

**v.2**. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. **v.3**. For I **recognize** my rebellion; it **haunts** me day and night. **v.4a**. **Against you**, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight.

### Why should you hate sin?

- Because you love God
- Because of the gospel
- Because it is destructive
- **Psalms 119:11**. I have hidden **your word** in my heart, that I might **not sin** against you. (NLT)

### Group Discussion

1. How did this message awaken you to sin at work within you?
2. How did this message awaken you to sin at work in the culture?
3. How did this message help you sin through God's eyes?
4. How did this message help you to hate sin?
5. How did this message help you to be bold to confront sin?

**Next Week's Message:** Purpose of the Cross II