



Lesson 4
Yes, *THAT* sin...
Romans 1:24-32
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Read Isaiah 59:1-2. What has caused a separation between ourselves and God?

Because of our sins, where is God's face?

The seriousness of our sin cannot be understated. Because God is a holy God, He cannot abide sin. At all.

Read Numbers 5:5-7, 2 Samuel 12:13, and Psalm 51:1-4. When we sin, whom have we broken faith with?

Who, according to these passages, is the most offended party when we sin?

Even when David had committed adultery and murder, when Nathan the prophet reveals that his sin is known, David's response is not that he sinned against Bathsheba or Uriah, but against God. David wasn't ignoring the sin against Bathsheba and Uriah, but was highlighting his sin against God. Why is our sin more offensive to a holy God than to another sinful human, even when our actions directly hurt another person?

Read Psalm 110:6-12. How is God described here?

List the qualities you find. (I find 7)

Why should we be thankful that God does *not* deal with us according to our sins?

How far does He remove our sins from us, when we repent?

Read 1 John 1:8-9. If we confess our sins, what assurance do we have?

Read Ezekiel 36:26-27. Who gives us new hearts to love and serve God? What else does He give us?

What kind of heart do we have on our own?

What is one of the purposes of the Spirit in our hearts?

As you spend time with God today, take comfort in knowing that He is faithful to forgive when we come to Him with true repentance. Thank God for removing your heart of stone and giving you a heart of flesh that mourns over sin in yourself and others. Ask Him to remind you, as you face the lies that the world tells us so loudly, that you are not called to change hearts; you couldn't even change your own!

Praise God for His wisdom and for His grace in not giving you what you deserve and ask Him to show you how to share that grace with others, without watering down the message of truth that we have in His word.