Do You Still Grieve Over Sin?

Greg Kline · Numbers 20:2–13

INTRODUCTION

- We know that Jesus is the way, that is that he is the only way.
- Why is it so important to follow Jesus? And the truth is because we have a major problem.
- And yet sometimes our sin is a little bit mitigated, whether because we just think it's not a big deal, other people do worse.

1 Sin Is Serious Business: Ask Moses

Numbers 20:2–13; 1 John 3:4

- Take the staff and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water.
- Because you did not believe in me to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.
- And perhaps most importantly, do I still grieve over my sin?
- But our sin is not to be swept under the rug.
- He disobeyed the will of the Lord and he was punished for that disobedience. That is the bottom line of sin, too, isn't it?

2 Ask Simon About the Seriousness of Sin

Acts 8:9–24; Mark 16:16

- Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized, he continued with Philip.
- Because I too, even though I am a Christian, may be stuck in my sins if I don't take the right attitude towards it.
- Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours. And pray to the Lord that if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you.
- I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity. Sin is serious business.

3 Sin Is Serious Business: Ask David

2 Samuel 11; 2 Samuel 12

- David was essentially an adulterous murderer.
- Nathan comes to him, gives him the story, and he points to him and says, You are the man.
- But we need to obey God because he is to be obeyed. God is to be feared.

4 How Do I Respond to My Sin?

Hebrews 10:26–27; 1 John 1:8–10; Psalm 51:1–12

- Some may try to hide it. Isn't that exactly what King David did in 2 Samuel chapter 11?

- For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins.
- Maybe we try to minimize it or ignore it.
- The last time that you remember having fallen short of the glory of God. What was your reaction to it? Were you grieved?
- Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love, according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

5 First, We Need to Recognize the Sin

Ezra 9:1–6

- As soon as I heard this, I tore my garment and my cloak and pulled hair from my head and beard and sat appalled.
- Oh my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads.
- Do I care about my sin enough to be moved, to be appalled?

6 We Need to Have Godly Sorrow

2 Corinthians 7:9–11

- We're to repent. We're to turn from our sin. We're to pray to God, confessing our sins and begging, pleading for the forgiveness that He has promised us.
- For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret.
- Worldly grief is I'm upset about that sin because it costs me physical consequences.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We need to have a real sense of shame. And yet a real sense of hope that if I take my shame and I repent, I confess of my wrongdoing, that I can be in heaven with God forever.**

MY NOTES