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Module 1: What Do I Believe

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Lesson Two - Sin

Key Takeaway

Man is separated from God by sin. We come back into relationship with Him through repentance.

Introduction

1. We learned that God is holy in the previous lesson. God's holiness demands holiness in those who come close to Him.
2. Sin is the greatest problem in man because it separates us from God's holiness. **Man refers to both men and women as a collective term.*
3. Sin in our lives needs to be dealt with through the work of Christ on the cross.

Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously. Isaiah 55:6-7

I. THE NATURE OF SIN

Sin is not doing what God tells us to do.

Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. Psalms 51:4

Sin is missing the standard of God's holiness.

"...be holy, because I am holy... Lev 11:44

Sin is universal.

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Romans 3:23

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II. THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

The punishment for sin is death.

For the wages of sin is death... Romans 6:23a

On our own we are not able to escape from the cycle of sin in our lives (Romans 1:28-31).

Then if My people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

III. HOW SIN ENTERED THE HUMAN RACE

God created man to have a relationship with Him (Hebrews 3:7, Genesis 2:19).

God created man to have a great purpose (Genesis 1:28).

Man chose to reject God's authority (Genesis 3:1-6).

Sin entered the human race as a result of man's rebellion (Genesis 3:16-19).

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. Romans 5:12

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IV. THE RESPONSE OF REPENTANCE

Repentance is to be deeply sorry for sin.

For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death. Just see what this godly sorrow produced in you! Such earnestness, such concern to clear yourselves, such indignation, such alarm, such longing to see me, such zeal, and such a readiness to punish wrong. You showed that you have done everything necessary to make things right. 2 Corinthians 7:10-11

Repentance is a change of mind (James 5:16).

For I recognise my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Psalms 51:3

Repentance is leaving our old sinful ways behind.

Repentance is turning to God knowing that He will forgive.

Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. Acts 3:19

Conclusion

1. Repentance is not a one-time response to God when we first get saved.
2. We need to daily make right with God by repenting of any sin He reveals.
3. Let's continue to allow God to search our hearts and humbly repent as He reveals sin in our lives.