



The changing nature of sin



1. What does your law say?

- ▶ **Jesus before Pilate: John 18:28-39**
- ▶ **What does your law say?**
 - ▶ **Those who followed the Jewish law (we call OT)**
 - ▶ **Surrounded by a culture that did not acknowledge that law as valid. (Gentiles)**



2. We live in a very moralistic time

- People are judgmental**
- Modern laws are deeply ingrained/ followed**
- What is “sin” is seen differently from culture around those of us who define sin biblically**



3.The changing nature of sin

Modern sins include:

➤ Men's Health

- Flip flopping
- Cynicism
- Being cheap
- Making excuses

➤ Roman Catholic

- destroying the environment
- genetic manipulation
- obscene wealth
- creating poverty
- drug trafficking
- immoral scientific experimentation
- violation of the fundamental rights of human nature

4. Sin has a root. Name the sin.

- Sin loses its power when it is named J. Weborg
 - Affair = adultery
 - Prejudice = hatred
- Look for the Biblical root in modern sins
 - Damaging environment = stealing
 - Obscene wealth = Coveting
- Hint: It all finds its root in the selfishness of Adam and Eve

5. Modernists know what is wrong; but what is right enough?

➤ Modern culture has a form of godliness

➤ **2 Tim 3:1.** But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: **2** For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, **4** traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. NKJV

6. People need a savior

- ▶ People will realize they cannot live up to the cultures expectations
 - ▶ I'm not racist Oh, but you are
 - ▶ I love the earth But, what you have shifted to does more damage to the earth than before
- ▶ God judges us based on what we do know Rm 1:20



So What?

- **“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”**
- **Sin hasn't changed; it has been added to.**
- **How we are judged by the culture has changed**
- **None of us can live up to the expectations of right**
- **We need a savior now, more than ever**

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- **Rm 1:14 I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. 15 That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”**
 - **18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.**

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