

The DOCTRINE OF SIN

Lesson 1 – The War Against Your Soul: Part One

1 Pet 2:11-12

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

What is the Biblical definition of Sin? Anything _____ or _____ that is not in perfect conformity to the Word of God. Therefore sin is not being _____.

Sin, your disposition to do evil and that which is not right, is not the result of:

Bad _____ pressure

Insufficient _____ pressure

_____ event that happened Bad _____

early in life Sin does not come from the _____

Not the result of the Influence of others _____.

The problem is _____ and _____.

The **first rational to fight** is that our Christian Citizenship demands the _____ vs 11

Romans 12:1 “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

Matthew 16:26–27 “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul”

“in heaven we are citizens and on earth we are pilgrims and guests.”
Martin Luther

Matthew 5:19–20 “For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

In order to enter Heaven we need _____, which can never have, only the righteousness of God in Christ given to us by faith.

Discussion:

1. Rick makes much out of our willingness to engage in the battle for our own souls. When you think about what are some things that should be considered before you enter into battle:

Eph 6:10-19 Paul writes about the armor and weapons of our warfare. In this passage the fifth element of Armor listed is the Helmet of Salvation.

“The fact that the **helmet** is related to **salvation** indicates that Satan’s blows are directed at the believer’s security and assurance in Christ. The *two dangerous edges of Satan’s spiritual broadsword are discouragement and doubt*. To discourage us he points to our failures, our sins, our unresolved problems, our poor health, or to whatever else seems negative in our lives in order to make us lose confidence in the love and care of our heavenly Father.”

“The other, and closely related, edge of Satan’s two-edged sword is the doubt that often brings discouragement. Doubts about the truths of God, including doubt about one’s salvation, are the worst discouragements for a believer. If a believer doubts God’s goodness or dependability, or if his relation to God seems uncertain, he has no ground for hope and therefore no protection from discouragement. The person who thinks he has nothing worthwhile to look forward to has no reason to fight, work, or live responsibly. If our often unpleasant and disappointing earthly life is all we can be certain of, then Christians are indeed “of all men most to be pitied” (1 Cor. 15:19).

John MacArthur (NTC)

What areas of Discouragement and doubt do you struggle with the most?

Interact with this statement: “Unbelievers do not concern themselves over struggles with persistent sin.” How is this statement discouraging or encouraging to you?
