

The DOCTRINE OF SIN

Lesson 2 – The War Against Your Soul: Part Two

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.

Last week we saw that the **first rational for fighting** against fleshly lust is we belong to another world.

Second rational to fight is that our fleshly lusts provoke the fight. “Your lust woke up this morning and picked a fight with you.” Vs11 “from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.”

Galatians 5:17 “For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.”

Romans 7:19–20 “For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.” 24–25 “Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death”

Are you an _____ of your own sin?

1 John 2:15–17 “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

“Two things that are suited to humble the souls of men. They are first a due consideration of God and second of themselves. Number one of God in His greatness, His Glory, His Holiness, His power, His Majesty, His Authority and of ourselves in our mean and lowly insignificant abject sinful condition.”

“Labor to know your own frame and temper, what spirit you of, what associates in your heart Satan has. Where corruption is strong and grace is weak, what strong hold lust has in your natural constitution and the like”

John Owen

“Be killing sin or sin will be killing you! ... Let no man think to kill sin with a few easy or gentle strokes. He who has once smitten a serpent, if he follow not his blow until it be slain may repent that he ever began the quarrel and so he who undertakes to deal with sin and pursues it not constantly to the death.”

John Owen

Do you see the _____ of the _____
_____ in your life?

Are you bothered by the _____ of the _____
_____?

Satan has an associate in our heart that makes us doubt the _____ of the _____
_____. You will never ever do _____.
Thank God for grace.

Romans 13:14 “But put on the Lord Jesus Christ,

and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”

What associates does Satan have in your heart, in your fleshly _____.

Third Rational for fighting - Fruitful evangelism motivates the fight. Vs 12

Your evangelism depends on your _____! If you are not serious about sin why should the people you share Christ with think that God is serious about sin?

Discussion:

What do think it means to be the expert of your own sin?

How do we identify associates that Satan has in our hearts?

If you were an expert of your own sin and had a good understanding of the associates that Satan may have in your heart, how do you think that would affect how you pray, give, study, serve, etc.?

Has your fight against personal sin helped you in your willingness or ability to tell others about salvation in Jesus Christ? Do you have any examples?

How has your **not** fighting against your personal sin hindered you from sharing the Gospel?
