

Improper Attitudes Toward Sin

Romans 3:10-12

Introduction: Have you ever had a trail in your life where you knew the right thing to do but you didn't do it? Paul understood this dilemma (Rom. 7:15-25).

Paul describes this dilemma as a battle between his will and his flesh. He knows that in his flesh nothing good dwells. The good he knows he should do he fails to do in lieu of the evil his flesh desires (Jas. 1:14). He concludes that evil is present and warring against himself.

Much of this warring in ourselves is reflected in our improper attitudes toward sin.

I. Some people deny sin.

A. They like to think sin does not exist, or if it does exist, they are not guilty of sinning. However, sin does exist (1 John 3:4). Sin is disobedience.

B. We all sin (Eccl. 7:20; Rom. 5:12).

C. The Bible has over 21 laundry lists of sin (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 5:9-11; Gal. 5:19-21; etc).

II. Some people mock sin.

A. The fool makes light of sin (Prov. 14:9; 10:23).

B. Perhaps it eases his guilty conscience. Yet, when we see the consequences of sin, it causes the God fearing to mourn and languish.

III. Some people love sin and those who commit sin (2 Tim. 3:4; 2 Thess. 2:12; Rom. 1:32).

IV. Some people dismiss or excuse sin.

A. Felix dismissed his sin (Acts 24:25).

B. Dismissing the sin doesn't cause it to go away. If a person with cancer denies or dismisses its existence, will it go away? Rather, it grows and gets worse until the final consequence is death (Rom. 6:23).

Conclusion: We can overcome sin with the proper attitude (Rom. 6:1-7, 11-12). If we excuse sin, dismiss it, mock it, love it or deny it the war with our flesh is over. We will end up doing what we know we should not. We must control what our minds think (Jas. 1:14-16)! Have you been losing the war with your flesh?