

19: SIN

Big Idea: The way I respond to sin reflects the attitude of my heart toward sin.

Big Question: How should I respond to sin in my life?

Main Scripture: Psalm 19:12-14

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Psalm 19:12 ¹² How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults.

1. Seek cleansing

Psalm 19:12 (CSB) Who perceives his unintentional sins? Cleanse me from my hidden faults.

1 John 1:8-9 ⁸ If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.

⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Psalm 19:13 ¹³ Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin.

2. Surrender control

Genesis 4:7 ⁷ You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master."

Romans 6:12-14 ¹² Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. ¹³ Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. ¹⁴ Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.

Psalm 19:14 ¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

3. Stop Conforming

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV) ¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.