

# THE KNOW SERIES

**Who, What, When, Where, Why, How of the Christian Experience**

## LESSON # 13

### CHRISTIANS BELIEVE IN SIN & FORGIVENESS



**OBJECTIVE:** In this class, the focus is on the concept of sin and its implications for humanity. We begin by exploring what sin is, referencing Isaiah 1:2 and Isaiah 53:6. The question of who sins is addressed through Romans 3:23, emphasizing that all individuals are susceptible to sin. The origin of sin is examined using Isaiah 14:12-15, delving into its roots.

The class delves into the reasons behind human sin, tracing it back to Adam's decision in the Garden of Eden. God's instructions to Adam regarding the trees of Knowledge and Good and Evil are cited from Genesis 2:9, 16, 17, and the consequences of Adam's disobedience are discussed, leading to the separation of humanity from God. The concept of salvation is introduced, defined as being saved from sin's penalty, power, and dominion, both in life and in eternity. The instructor elaborates on salvation as a gift from God, supported by verses like John 3:16 and Romans 6:23.

The process of salvation is explained using Ephesians 3:8-9 and Romans 10:9, 10, 13. The topic of forgiveness is then explored, defining it as an act of pardon. The class delves into God's desire to deal with human sin, referencing 1 John 1:7-10. The importance of willingness to forgive and seek forgiveness is discussed using Mark 11:25, 26. The transformation of how God sees human sin is highlighted through verses like Isaiah 43:25 and Jeremiah 31:34.

The response to God's gift of salvation is described as recognizing one's sin, receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and rejoicing in the eternal life given through Him. The class concludes with a call to pray for one another.



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Discussion and review of last week's meeting, readings and events.

### (I) WHAT IS SIN?

- (A) Isaiah 1:2
- (B) Isaiah 53:6

### (II) WHO SINS?

- (A) Romans 3:23

### (III) WHERE DOES SIN COME FROM?

- (A) Isaiah 14:12-15

### (IV) WHY DO I SIN?

- (A) Adams's decision in the Garden of Eden:
- (B) God told Adam not to eat the fruit of the tree of Knowledge and of the tree of Good and Evil – Genesis 2:9, 16, 17
- (c) Sin in the human race originated in Adam's free decision to disobey God's will - Genesis 3:1-6
- (D) The effects of Adam's decision on us today:
  - (1) Sin entered the world through one man, Adam – Romans 5:12
  - (2) Adam's sin separated man from God – Genesis 3:22
  - (3) Adam's sin resulted in both physical and spiritual death for man:
    - (a) Physical Death – separation of the soul from the body, Gen 3:19
    - (b) Spiritual Death – separation of the soul from God for eternity
- (E) Therefore I sin because I am a \_\_\_\_\_.



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### (V) SALVATION

#### (A) Definition of salvation

(1) Being saved from the penalty, power and dominion of sin in our life and from eternity apart from God.

(2) What is God's gift (grace) to us? John 3:16; Romans 6:23

#### (B) How are you saved?

(1) Ephesians 3:8-9

#### (c) What do we put our faith in for salvation?

(1) Romans 10:9, 10, 13

### (VI) FORGIVENESS

#### (A) Definition of forgiveness is an act of pardon.

#### (B) What does God want to do with your sin?

(1) 1 John 1:7-10

#### (C) What must we be willing to do?

(1) Mark 11:25,25

#### (D) How does God now see my sin?

(1) Isaiah 43:25

(2) Jeremiah 31:34

#### (E) What is our response to God's gift (grace) of salvation to us (grace)?

(1) Ephesians 2:10

(F) Salvation is a free gift from God. We have to "Recognize" our sin, "Receive" Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, and "Rejoice" that God has given us eternal life in His Son.



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**Pray for one another.**



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