

Darkness

Purpose

- To understand the fallen nature of man and the consequence of sin.

Introduction

- The way to understand more about God is to acknowledge about who we are.
- Discussing what things are stopping people from changing and growing righteously in lives. If we sum up in one phrase what is that word?
- Prayer before study.

1) What is the meaning of sin?

1. *Theology.*
 - a. A condition of estrangement from God resulting from such disobedience.
2. Something regarded as being shameful, deplorable, or utterly wrong.

- Sin (harmatia) in Greek literally means missing the mark, the perfect will of God. How do we know the will of God? We can know it from the Bible because Bible is telling us about his perfect law.

What are we following as the standard of our lives today? The standard of the imperfect world or God's perfect law?

2) Who sinned?

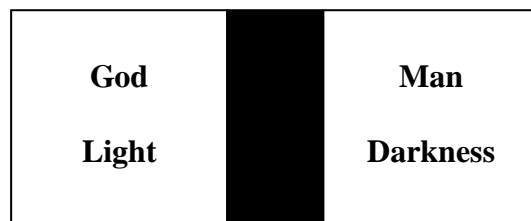
Romans 3:23 Everyone has sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Good moral life does not save us, everybody needs to be saved, and we all need sin forgiven.

Mark 7:20-23 Sins come from within, from the heart. Not from others who causes you to sin, but we decided to sin ourselves.

Isaiah 59:1-2

The first time we sin, we have separated from God. We do not have a relationship with God. The problem is not God, but sins in our lives.



1 Peter 2:9-10 Peter talks about how awesome it is to be a Christian. In our lives, we have only two choices. If you are not in darkness, you are in the light. There is no middle path or no life in between darkness and light

Darkness	Light
Not a people of God No mercy Lost Not a disciple Not a Christian	People of God Mercy Saved Disciple Christian

3) Consequence of sin

Romans 6:20-23 Those who are slaves to sins do not have righteousness. Sins are shameful, it is horrible and it ends up in death. Consequences of sins are death in every area!

- physical death
- emotional death
- relational death
- character death
- spiritual death
- eternal death

Wages of sin	Gift of God
Death Darkness Hell	Eternal life Light Heaven

4) What is sin?

There are two kinds of sins.

- Sin of omission **James 4:17**
- Sin of commission **Galatians 5:19-21**

Ask your study what does each sins mean? (explain in detail)

Open up to share your own sins. Let him listen to your confessions to see that you are really open and humble. Let him see how God helped you to repent.

Additional scriptures

Col 3:5-10 Eph 5:3-6 Rom 1:18-32 1Cor 6:9-10, 13-20 Rev 21:8

Practical challenges

- Let your friend open up about his/her life and start dealing with it.
- Repenting from all wrong doing and unrighteous acts.
- Asking God for the forgiveness of sin.

Memory Scripture

Rome 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord