



Sin

Do you think sin gets a bad rap? We all do it. This world is wrapped in it. People of every culture and race sin. The church has tried to eradicate it for thousands of years, to no avail. Beyond that, sin is fun. Who does not like to sin just a little? I know a few ladies that are Christian. They love Vegas. My goodness, it's sin city! I have been there once and trust me, Vegas loves sin. Do those ladies love it too?

I know people that don't believe in God. Sin does not exist to them. That word is a church word. One of those dumb Bible thumper words. For the rest of the world, sin is just plain silly. So, what is sin? I love listening to a pastor named J Vernon McGee. He is an old-time pastor from long ago. He was commenting on sin through the book of James. He said that football games, dancing, and Rock music are sins, but not the sins James is talking about. That got me thinking. Is sin that simple as a worldly event? Is it worse than that, and more along the likes of murder? Why does everyone define sin differently? How can we define sin?

Over the next seven weeks I want to dissect sin through the famous seven deadly sins. Are they deadly? Is it just a fancy term Christians use to get our attention? In and around 600 AD. Pope Gregory coined the term seven deadly sins. He himself was a very holy man. A

student of the Bible. In reading his biography I could see his desire to know what are sins and what are not. Also, around that same time a writer named Dante Alighieri's wrote his famous book *Dante's Inferno* based on those deadly sins. Through this word sin, witches have been burned. Wars have been fought over interpretations of sin. Who knows God's heart on sin? Possibly the Bible does, Jesus does, and the Holy Spirit does. Yet, People are confused over sin.

Do you have an opinion on sexual sin? How about lying or eating too much? The best part of sin is the opinion. We all have one. I have heard more hatred towards people over their opinion. The anger astounds me. Why care if you don't believe sin is a word? Oh, but we do. I will admit that sin is varied. Pope Gregory left out many so-called sins.

Let's take a small look at his seven because they are pretty sinful. What is the word Lust or Gluttony to you? They are not really wording you can use these days. Our words have changed. Yet, people still eat too much or rape women. The word for sin may have changed but our use of them in this world has not. Adultery is not a sin to many, yet murder still is. Why has things changed? Why is sin a moving target? With that said, next week we will begin with Lust.