

Session 3: Ruined by Sin

Message Outline

1. Six Effects of Sin

- a) *The mind is darkened.*
- b) *The affections are distorted.*
- c) *The will is disabled.*
- d) *The conscience is disoriented.*
- e) *The memory is defective.*
- f) *The body is dying.*

2. Seven Benefits of Grasping the Doctrine of Sin

- a) *Expand your understanding of salvation.*
- b) *Deepen your experience of worship.*
- c) *Increase your motivation in prayer and evangelism.*
- d) *Strengthen your understanding of the gospel.*
- e) *Expand your understanding of conversion.*
- f) *Moderate your expectations of the Church.*
- g) *Deepen your compassion for the lost.*

Discussion Questions

1. Many in our world and even the church reject the doctrine of sin. Why do you think that is?
2. Pastor Colin mentioned six effects of sin. Why is it crucial to understand these effects for the Christian life? For ministry?
3. Which of the seven benefits of grasping the doctrine of sin encouraged you the most? Why?
4. What would you say to a friend thinking of walking away from Christ due to sin they see in the church?
5. Grasping the doctrine of sin will deepen your compassion for the lost. How might you pursue to grow in compassion for those who do not yet know Christ?
6. How did this session deepen your appreciation for the work of Christ?

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