

“But Don't We all Sin?” **Andy Mitchell**

It is most definitely true that all who have reached the age of accountability, HAVE sinned, and come short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3:23; Rom. 5:12)

“What then? are we better *than they*? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.” (Rom. 3:9-12)

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.” (Isa. 53:6)

When we read these verses, this is what it should remind us of:

- We all need a savior.
- We shouldn't be so quick to point our finger at others.
- We shouldn't be so quick to throw stones at others.
- We shouldn't think of ourselves as better than others.
- We should take a good look at ourselves when correcting others (Gal. 6:1).

This keeps us humble. This reminds us to not act as an enemy, but as a friend helping his fellowman.

But was it God's intention with these passages to discourage us from ever speaking against sin?

- “*It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.*” (Eccl. 7:5)
- “Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.” (1 Tim. 5:20)
- “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” (2 Tim. 4:2)

How could Peter deny the Lord three times, but less than two months later, stand before at least 3,000 people and boldly tell them they crucified our Lord? (Ac. 2:36)

How could Paul think of himself as the “chief of sinners”, but when Peter acted like a hypocrite around the Gentiles, Paul said, “I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.” (Gal. 2:11)?

When Peter and Paul rebuked some people, do you think they forgot that they had sinned before? No. The goal of their teaching was love (1 Tim. 1:5; 1 Pet. 1:22).

However, most of the time, when someone says, “But don't we all sin?” what do they REALLY mean? Do they really mean?: “You have no right to tell me I'm wrong” or “Leave me alone” ????

Here's some questions to ask ourselves that will be more productive:

- “Do I want help with my sin?”
- “Is it ok to sin just because I think everyone else does?”
- “Am I willing to turn from my sin, or am I just trying to justify why I don't want to change?”