

Message Notes

"The Basis for Busting up Sin"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – "A nice walk in the woods"

Hearing for the first time!

A verse that stopped me in my tracks
(1 Peter 2:11)

The layout of Owen's "Mortification of Sin"

Reading Schedule for the rest of the series:

June 1st - Chapter 9

June 8th - Chapter 10

June 15th - Chapter 11

June 22nd - Chapters 12-13

June 29th - Chapter 14

Two General Directions:

1. If a person is not first completely and utterly converted to Jesus Christ, then any attempt at changing your life is nothing more than sin management.
2. Once a person has trusted and is trusting Jesus Christ ALONE for meaning, love, purpose, identity, and salvation, THEN it is vital to be diligent in obedience.

Back to 1 Peter 2

1. It starts with Believing or Rejecting
(1 Peter 2:4-8)

2. Who are you? Where is your identity?
(1 Peter 2:9-10)
(Exodus 19:3-8)

3. Will you fight to obey Christ?
(1 Peter 2:11)

Wait a minute?!?! How are we going to be different than the Israelites?
(Jeremiah 17:9, 31:31-34, Ezekiel 36:25-27)

4. Why engage in battle with sin?
(1 Peter 2:12)

Application – "Trust and Obey, for there's no better way to be happy in Jesus, but to Trust and Obey!!!"

1 Peter 2:4-12

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." ⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,"⁸ and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. ⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Exodus 19:3-8

³Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." ⁷So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. ⁸The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said." So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹"The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. ³³"This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Ezekiel 36:25-27

²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. ²⁶I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.