

# ***The State of Theology***

ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM OF SIN – SELECTED SCRIPTURES

**Redeemer Bible Church**

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## **Sin's Origin, Effect, Severity, and Solution**

### ***1. To Understand Sin, We Must Understand***

(Exod. 15:11; 1 Samuel 2:2; Psalm 77:13, Psalm 93; Isaiah 43:15; Heb 1:3)

### ***2. To Understand Sin, We Must***

(Genesis 3; Ezek 28:11–19; Isaiah 14:12–20; 1 John 3:4)

### ***3. To Understand Sin, We Must Understand***

(Psalm 51:5; Rom 3:10, 23, 5: 12–21, 8:20–21; Eph 2:1–3; James 2:10)

### ***4. To Understand Sin, We Must Understand***

(Genesis 18:25; John 3:16; Ephesians 2:4–7, James 2:10)

*Our goal every Sunday is that you (1) understand the passage better, (2) have some ideas about how to live the passage & (3) stand in awe of Jesus*

## ***Growth Questions***

***Centered on Jesus / Focused on People***

These questions are to help you apply each week's message to your life and to help others do the same. Can being honest and vulnerable about your life be intimidating? Is it OK to struggle and have real questions? The answer to both questions is "Yes." Growth Groups are meant to be safe places where we share our answers to the questions below in order to help people know, love & serve Jesus better, together. If you're not in one, email Pastor David Mataya (david@redeemeraz.org), and ask about availability. If you missed this or any message, you can go to our website, iTunes, Spotify, Facebook page, or our YouTube channel to get caught up.

1. *From what we heard in the message, why is it we must understand God's Sovereignty and God's Holiness when it comes to thinking about Sin? How do these realities keep people from blame-shifting or claiming that God has no authority over them?*
2. *How would you define Sin from a Biblical Perspective? In answering this question, is there any room for sin to be defined subjectively?*
3. *In reviewing the answers to the State of Theology, how would you compare your understanding of Sin from this message to the answers found in that survey? How would you address truth to someone who answered the way the majority of the survey answered?*
4. *How does the truth of the gospel give you not only a healthy fear of God, but an understanding of God's deep love and compassion for the lost? How should God's heart affect your heart for evangelism?*

*If you need help for any reason, go to <https://redeemeraz.org/counseling>*