

**TALKING POINT #30**  
**SHARING OUR FAITH #2: SIN: REJECTING GOD AS KING**

**WHAT WENT WRONG?**

In our last *Talking Point Paper*, we saw that the foundational point of the Bible is that God is the King. He is King of Nature, His King of the Universe, He is King of Humanity – He is King! There is nothing beyond Him, nothing outside of His authority and nothing out of His sight. Therefore, we owe Him our allegiance and life. However, the Biblical record of history shows that humanity’s allegiance did not last long. By the third chapter of Genesis, things have gone all wrong. Humanity has rejected God and His standard. This rejection is called “sin” and the effects of sin have been devastating.

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

The Bible records sin throughout but there are a few key verses that inform our understanding:

- Genesis 3 – God had given a direct law to humanity: Do not eat the fruit of one tree. Out of all the wonderful trees in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve chose to eat from that one tree, thus defying God and forfeiting all that God gave them.
- Romans 3:23 – “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” In case we think that sin was just Adam and Eve’s problem, this verse declares to us that we all share in this rebellion and, as such, we all share in the consequences;
- Romans 6:23 – “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” The first consequence of sin is death. Death entered into our experience because we rejected the Giver of Life;
- Romans 1:28 – “And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.” Another consequence of sin is the degrading of society. Those consequences are clear as we look around today – crime, injustice, oppression and immorality are all evident;
- Romans 8:20 – “For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly ...” Creation itself has been ruined by sin;
- Romans 1:20 – “For God’s invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they [humanity] are without excuse.” God is the Righteous Judge and He rightly condemns sin so that humanity cannot plead ignorance.

**NOW FOR US AT FOREST LAKE**

One of the worst effects of modern liberalism in the Church has been to downplay or even deny sin. It’s existence is real, it’s effects are real and God’s judgement is real. We must be honest about sin and be honest about dealing with sin. But, as much as we seek to deal with sin, we also rejoice that we are not on our own in dealing with sin (because we are powerless to do that). Rather, we rejoice in the power of a Saviour for “God shows His love for us in this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8) And that is the subject of our next *Talking Point Paper*.

**CONCLUSION**

God shines a true light on our lives and offers a remedy in Jesus Christ. If that is something you would like to know more about, please talk to one of our pastors.

Our next Paper will continue our “Sharing our Faith” series - “Jesus: The King’s Saviour.”