

LESSON #4
SIN, THE LAW, AND THE FLESH

Summary: Sin is a spiritual condition that corrupts and destroys human beings and leads them to continually resist and break the law of God. Sin is slavery and bondage, and the result of sin is death.

Main Text: 1 John 3:4-10 (ESV) - “Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.”

Discussion:

The Established Law

- **Romans 3:31**

Victory over sin

- **1 Corinthians 15:56-57**
- **Romans 8:2**

The Old Self vs. Flesh

- **Ephesians 4:22-24**
- **Romans 6:6-7**

The term, “fleshly” or “the flesh”, denotes mere human nature, or the earthly nature of man apart from divine influence, and therefore prone to sin and opposed to God.

- **Romans 8:7-9**
- **John 15:9-10**
- **Romans 8:5-6**

