

## **Living With the Reality of Sin** Luke 17:1-10

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### **What is sin?**

sin (*hamartia*):

- to miss the mark; to violate a divine law; to fail; to do wrong
- to seek life—meaning, purpose, fulfillment, pleasure, joy—  
apart from God (idolatry, godlessness)

-Romans 6:23

**Temptation, sin, and brokenness are a part of \_\_\_\_\_ world.**

-Revelation 21:3-5

**God never wants us to make \_\_\_\_\_ with sin.**

-Romans 12:9

**God hates it when we introduce sin into the lives of \_\_\_\_\_.**

-His punishment for those who do is worse than \_\_\_\_\_.

**We have a responsibility to point out sin in the lives of people we  
\_\_\_\_\_ and love.**

-Matthew 18:15      -Galatians 6:1,2

**We have a responsibility to forgive people who repent of their sin.  
\_\_\_\_\_ time.**

-Repentance means they take responsibility for their sin, see it  
as God sees it, and desire to \_\_\_\_\_.

-Forgiveness means not punishing them by withholding love.  
It means staying in a relationship with them and desiring what  
is best for them.

-Forgiveness does *not* mean automatically \_\_\_\_\_  
them, or protecting them from the natural consequences of  
their sin.

**Forgiving the sins of others requires \_\_\_\_\_ in God.**

-The Gospel gives me a different perspective on the sins  
committed against me.      -Matthew 18:26,27

-I can trust in God's \_\_\_\_\_.

-Romans 12:18,19      -Hebrews 4:13

-The power of God can heal wounds, remove bitterness, and  
enable forgiveness in ways that are humanly impossible.

**Sin causes us to approach God with an attitude of  
\_\_\_\_\_ rather than humble service.**

-God deserves to be served, and we deserve to serve Him.

-God determines \_\_\_\_\_ we serve and when we have served  
\_\_\_\_\_.

-God does not owe us thanks or rewards; we owe Him  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### **Life Application Questions:**

1. Are there areas of your life where you have made peace with sin?
2. Are there any ways in which you cause others to sin?
3. Have you ever rebuked someone for their sin? Have you ever been rebuked? How did it go? If it didn't go well, can you identify ways in which it wasn't done biblically? (See Matt. 18:15-17 and Galatians 6:1-5)
4. How has forgiveness—or unforgiveness—affected your life? Are there any “mulberry trees” in your heart?
5. Do you see yourself as God's servant, or do you expect Him to serve you?