#### THE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

## THE TRUTH ABOUT SIN: FROM BAD TO WORSE

1 John 5:16-17 Jeff Schreve

If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death. 1 John 5:16-17

### What is the truth about sin?

## 1. Every sin is <u>harmful</u>.

A. Sin <u>hardens</u> your heart.

But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Hebrews 3:13

- B. Sin <u>hinders</u> your prayers.
- C. Sin <u>hijacks</u> your blessings.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. Psalm 84:11

# 2. Some sin is <u>deadly</u>.

There is a sin leading to death .... 1 John 5:16

- A. This sin brings about physical death.
- B. This sin is more an <u>attitude</u> than an <u>action</u>.
- C. This sin is a <u>willful determination</u> to <u>disgrace</u> God. "But the person who does anything defiantly, whether he is native or an alien, that one is blaspheming the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from among his people." Numbers 15:30
  - 1. Nadab and Abihu committed this sin.
  - 2. Ananias and Saphira committed this sin.

### 3. Some in Corinth committed this sin.

Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. 1 Corinthians 11:27

## 3. All sin must be <u>dealt with correctly</u>.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

- A. You must confess your sin.
- B. You must forsake your sin.

He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.

Proverbs 28:13

## C. You must <u>not make a place</u> for sin.

Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts. Romans 13:13-14

Sin is not your <u>friend</u>; it is your <u>worst enemy</u>.