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Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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### Introduction

Sin is insidious, progressive and self-perpetuating. It creates an insatiable appetite for more sin and deeper sin.

#### I. What the Word says about sin

**James 1:13-15 NKJV** Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. {14} **But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.** {15} Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

##### A. Fornication

**Romans 1:21-28 NKJV** because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. {22} Professing to be wise, they became fools, {23} and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man; and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. {24} **Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness**, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

##### B. Perversion

**Romans 1:25-27 NKJV** who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. {26} **For this reason God gave them up to vile passions.** For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. {27} Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

##### C. Reprobation

**Romans 1:28 NKJV** And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **God gave them over to a debased (KJV: reprobate) mind**, to do those things which are not fitting;

#### II. What the word says about God's grace

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##### A. Washed

**Titus 3:5 NKJV** not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

1 John 1:9, 7 NKJV If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. {7} But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

##### B. Sanctified

**2 Timothy 2:19, 21 NKJV** Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." {21} Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, **sanctified and useful for the Master**, prepared for every good work.

##### C. Justified

**Romans 5:1 NKJV** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

#### III. How to appropriate God's grace

**Titus 2:11-13 NKJV** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, {12} teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, {13} looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

##### A. Ask God for forgiveness

##### B. Turn away from your sinful life style

##### C. Ask God for grace daily

Grace is the supernatural ability God gives

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to enable the Christian to do the will of God.

- D. Listen for His voice
- E. Let God take the struggle out of living for Him
- F. Cooperate with Him

### **Conclusion**

Jesus came to set us free. He came to deliver us from sin and its penalty. He came to give us victory over sin **NOW**.