

## Sermon Notes - "Sin Corrupts but God Restores"

MAIN THEME: SIN CORRUPTS, BUT GOD RESTORES

Primary Scripture: Genesis 3:8-14

Three Effects of Sin:

### 1. SIN BRINGS ISOLATION

- Genesis 3:8 - Adam & Eve's immediate response: HIDE from God
- Sin separates us from God's presence and community
- God's design: Fellowship with Him and believers
- Hebrews 10:25 - Don't forsake assembling together
- Solution: Pursue biblical community (Acts 2:42-47)

### 2. SIN BRINGS FEAR

- Genesis 3:10 - "I was afraid because I was naked"
- Fear of exposure, judgment, consequences
- Contrast: Genesis 2:25 - originally "naked and not ashamed"
- 2 Timothy 1:7 - God gives spirit of power, love, self-control (not fear)
- Solution: Confession to God and trusted believers

### 3. SIN BRINGS SHAME

- Evidence: Blame-shifting in Genesis 3:12-13
- Adam blames Eve (and God); Eve blames serpent
- Human attempts to cover shame fail: fig leaves, hiding, blame
- Only God can address sin and shame

GOD'S PROVISION FOR RESTORATION:

Genesis 3:21 - Divine Clothing

"The Lord God made clothing from skins... and clothed them"

- Blood sacrifice required to cover sin and shame
- God personally provides the covering
- Foreshadows Christ's sacrifice

Genesis 3:15 - First Gospel Promise

"He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel"

- Christ defeats Satan through cross and resurrection
- Victory over sin, death, and shame