

All Under Sin

1) Under Sin – v. 9

Under sin ≠ have sinned

Under sin = controlled by sin's power, dominion, imprisoned, enslaved to sin

Sin here is personified as a power over people.

- 5:21 – reigning
- 6:6 – enslaving
- 6:12 – ruling
- 6:14 – lording

1. sins – Specific fruit of man's rebellious heart – “missing the mark” of God's will in thought, word, deed.
2. SIN – the power enslaving the natural man to innately desire autonomy from God.

2) Proof – v. 10-18

a) God's statement... (Ps 14:2)

- Reminiscent of Gen 6:11-13, 11:5-7, 18:21
- Universal – none, not even one, etc...
- Both Upward and Outward

b) Portrays human history

- Inward Autonomy (v. 10-12)
- Poisonous Speech (v. 13-14)
- Destroyed Community (v. 15-17)
- No Fear of God (v. 18)

Conclusions

1. Rejoice in our Rescue!
2. People under sin won't go there unless we tell them!
3. Don't assume people will naturally or easily get this – Paul spends 2-1/2 chapters on this!
4. Consider how accessible this truth makes Gospel sharing...

Praxis

1. Why do we naturally get defensive when someone points out our wrong?
2. Why will most admit to having sinned and yet not see this as an eternal problem?
3. How does seeing some sinners as worse than others keep you from being a witness for Christ? How might seeing “all under sin” change that?
4. A fellow Christian is eager to win converts by telling them “how exciting and fulfilling the Christian life is.” What is he missing? How would you counsel him?
5. How do we demonstrate at times that we have forgotten that “we are not better than they”? How can you remedy that?