

Are All Sins Created Equal?

John 19:1-11 (WLC 150-151)

Main Point:

Because some sins are worse than others, please your Savior by confronting and resisting them accordingly.

1. Not all sins are equal in God's sight.
2. Some sins are worse than others by virtue of the nature and quality of the offence.
3. Some sins are worse than others by virtue of the particular person committing the sin.
4. Some sins are worse than others by virtue of the particular people offended by the sin.
5. Some sins are worse than others by virtue of the circumstances and place in which the sin was committed.
6. Because some sins are worse than others, please your Savior by confronting and resisting them accordingly.

Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 ⁴ When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For *He has* no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed-- ⁵ Better not to vow than to vow and not pay. (NKJV)

1 Timothy 5:8 ⁸ But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (NKJV)

J.G. Vos "The closer the relationship to any person, the greater our obligation to treat that person with ... love."

Galatians 6:10 ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (NKJV)

J.G. Vos "There are certain circumstances of time and place which are calculated to impress upon our minds the seriousness of our duty to God and the requirements of his moral law. When these circumstances of time and place are disregarded, and sin committed in spite of them, the sin is flagrant and the guilt aggravated."

Kevin DeYoung "It's true that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:1), but this does not mean God will condone all our thoughts and behaviors. Though in Christ he overlooks our sins in a judicial sense, he is not blind to them."

Other passages referred to:

- Numbers 15:28-36
- 1 Kings 11:1-13
- 2 Samuel 12:7-14
- Numbers 12:1-10
- Ephesians 4:30
- Revelation 2:4