|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Slide #** |  |
| **1** | **The Deceitfulness Of Sin**  **1 Corinthians 3:18; 6:9; 15:33; Hebrews 3:12-15** |
| **2** | **Who’s Doing The Deceiving?**   * **Satan’s tactic from the beginning.** (Genesis 3:13;  2 Corinthians 12:3; Revelation 12:9; cf., 1 Timothy 4:1) * **Do we feel that God has deceived us?** (Genesis 3:6; Jeremiah 20:7; cf., John 6) * **What is so scarry is how often we deceive ourselves**. (1 Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 6:3; James 1:26) |
| **3** | **Who’s Responsible For Avoiding Deceit?**  **We Are!** Note the use of:   * **“See to it..”** (Matthew 24:4; Colossians 2:8) **or** * **“Do not be deceived”** (1 Corinthians 6:9; 15:33; Galatians 6:7; James 1:16). * **Deception is preventable** w/ our **diligence & watching**. (Matthew 26:38-41) **We have been warned!** (Mark 13:23) * **Must utilize the truth and “examine everything carefully”!** (Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; 1 John 4:1) |
| **4** | **What Is The Outcome Of Being Deceived?**   * **In carnal matters, loss of money, time, health… potential death.** * **In spiritual matters; spiritual death and eternal condemnation.** |
| **5** | **How Is Sin So Deceitful?** |
| **6** | **No need for Christians to worry about sin.**   * **Why the warnings?** (2 Peter 3:17; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13; Romans 11:20) * **What are we to learn from Ananias & Sapphira in Acts 5?** Sin still matters to God. * **As opposed to Paul’s attitude** in Romans 6:1ff and Philippians 3:12-14.   ***“Sin no more”*** – John 8:11; 1 John 2:1 (1:7-9); 1 Cor. 6:9-11 |
| **7** | **Maybe we won’t be held accountable.**   * **Maybe Jesus won’t come again?** (2 Thessalonians 2:3; Ephesians 5:6; 2 Peter 3:3-9) * **The effect of judgment not executed quickly. (**Ecclesiastes 8:11-12) * **The truth? (**2 Corinthians 5:10; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Peter 3:9-15) |
| **8** | **Maybe it really isn’t a sin after all.**   * **Satan seeks to create doubt. (**Genesis 3:4-5) * **If it doesn’t hurt anyone else, is it really sin**? (Matthew 5:27; 2 Corinthians 10:3; Philippians 4:8) * **Are we trying to redefine sin?** i.e., adultery, fornication, etc… * **What everyone else is doing**. (Exodus 23:2; Deuteronomy 12:29-30; 1 Corinthians 15:33) |
| **9** | **Sin’s passing pleasures**   * **Can we see beyond the moment?** (Hebrews 11:24-26) * **Discerning the temporal from the eternal**. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18) * **Learn from Esau** (Hebrews 12:16-17) |
| **10** | **That intentions override truth.**   * **Like King Saul** in 1 Samuel 13 & 15 * **Like Saul of Tarsus**. (Acts 26:9; John 16:2) * **Like many religious**. (Matthew 7:21-23) |
| **11** | **Sin only involves doing things I shouldn’t.**   * **James teaches otherwise**. (James 4:17) * **Need to prove ourselves “doers”** of God’s will. (James 1:22) * **Matthew 25 is about judgment upon those who didn’t do what they should have**. * **Ezra’s 3 steps to please God**. (Ezra 7:10) don’t stop at #1 |
| **12** | **That we can sow to the flesh and reap eternal life.**   * **God will not be mocked**! (Galatians 6:7-8) * **Can’t live with a fleshly mindset and focus and achieve spiritual results**. (1 Corinthians 3:1ff; Colossians 3:1-2; Romans 8:5-7) |
| **13** | **That we have plenty of time to repent and be reconciled to God.**   * **We don’t know**. (James 4:13-17) * **Foolish to presume another opportunity**.  (Luke 12:20) * **The door will shut some day**. (Luke 13:24-25) * **Today is the day of salvation**! (Hebrews 3:13-15; Hebrews 4:6-7) Now is the time! (2 Peter 1:5ff; Colossians 3:8; 2 Corinthians 6:2) |