



TABOO TWO:

The Elephant Strikes Back



REVIEW

- Disagreement is OK
- Come have a conversation
- When Reviewing time, money, and effort, who is your highest priority?
- Men and Women are different and valuable
- Sometimes understanding Scripture takes effort.
- Disagreement is OK

What is Sin?

- Missing the mark
- Commission
- Omission



Galatians 6:1

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it,
for him it is sin.



The background of the slide is a dark, cosmic scene filled with numerous bright, colorful streaks of light, resembling star trails or distant galaxies. These streaks are primarily in shades of blue, green, and yellow, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall effect is a dramatic, high-contrast visual that serves as a backdrop for the text.

Sin

**Anything we think, say, or do that is
outside the design or will of God.**

What is Sin?

- Missing the mark
- Commission
- Omission
- Ignorance is not an excuse



Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God



James 2:10

For whoever keeps the whole law but **fails in one point**
has become guilty of all of it.



What are the effects of Sin?

- Natural Consequences
- Broken Relationship
- Death



Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death



Are there different types of Sin?

- All sin is against God
- Different sins have different consequences
- 2 Types of sin
 - Repentant Sin



Matthew 18:15

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. **If he listens to you,** you have gained your brother.



Are there different types of Sin?

- All sin is against God
- Different sins have different consequences
- 2 Types of sin
 - Repentant Sin
 - Unrepentant Sin



Matthew 18:17

If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. **And if he refuses to listen even to the church**, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.



How does God deal with Sin?

- Justly



Romans 3:22-26

For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be **just and the justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus.



How does God deal with Sin?

- Justly
- Not fairly



1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. **By his wounds you have been healed.**



How does God deal with Sin?

- Justly
- Not fairly
- Mercifully



1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



How does God deal with Sin?

- Justly
- Not fairly
- Mercifully
- With a desire for reconciliation



1 Timothy 2:3-4

This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 **who desires all people to be saved** and to come to the knowledge of the truth.



2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.**



John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.



How should the church deal with Sin?

- Justly – Ignoring sin helps no one!
- Not fairly – Two people, Same sin, Still different!
- Mercifully – Remember, not your fight!
- With a desire for reconciliation – We always want you back!



Galatians 6:1

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him **in a spirit of gentleness**. Keep watch on yourself, **lest you too be tempted**.



SO WHAT?

- We need to take sin seriously
- If someone confronts you, thanks is appropriate
- If you confront, selfless love only

TIME OF GIVING

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2 Corinthians 9:7

