

*Bible Study*

*Tuesday, February 19 & 26, 2019*

## **The Hindrance of Spiritual Growth**

Sin can hinder and interfere with your spiritual growth. Sin's impact on our lives is not by accident, since we have three formidable enemies arrayed against us. These include the world (an evil system, 1 John 5:19), the flesh (our evil desires, Romans 7:14-15), and the devil (an evil person, Revelation 12:9). They join forces to use sin to block our spiritual growth, But we are not alone, because Jesus has overcome the world (John 16:33, 1 John 4:4), God has given us victory over our evil desires (Romans 7:25), and He has stripped the devil of his power through Jesus' death on the cross (Hebrews 2:14).

I. Sin Always \_\_\_\_\_ us from God

A. Our \_\_\_\_\_ with God is \_\_\_\_\_

- Romans 5:1,19
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

*Justification – To be made or declared righteous*

B. Our \_\_\_\_\_ with God Must Be \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 John 3:9
- Romans 6:6
- Romans 7:7
- Galatians 5:17

II. We Must Recognize Our \_\_\_\_\_ Before God

A. God Cannot Tolerate \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 John 1:5
- Exodus 19:21-24

B. We Often \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_

C. Sin is a \_\_\_\_\_ in Our Lifestyle

- 1 John 1:5-7

D. We Need to Come into the \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 John 1:7-8
- Isaiah 6:1-7

III. We Need to \_\_\_\_\_ Our Sin to God

- 1 John 1:9
- 1 John 1:7

A. We Give God the Right to \_\_\_\_\_ Our Sins

B. We Must \_\_\_\_\_ with God

C. We Can Keep the \_\_\_\_\_ from Going Off

D. Carnal Christians Must \_\_\_\_\_

***Carnality** – A spiritual state in which a believer knowingly, intentionally, and persistently lives to please and serve self rather than God.*

- 1 Corinthians 3:3
- Luke 15

God is repulsed by sin in the lives of His children. But His Son, Jesus Christ intervenes when we cry out about the mess we have made and applies His precious, purifying blood so that fellowship with the Father is restored, resulting in continued spiritual growth.