

General Session #2 - I am a Sinner

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Introductory Thoughts

Main Point

An essential element of a biblical view of self is *I am not good like God, as I ought to be. On my own, I neither see the world rightly nor act righteously in it.*

1. I am not like God in the way I see the world.

My sin affects my perception of everything.

- I perceive others through personal interest, not love.
- I perceive myself through pride, not humility.
- I perceive God through distrust, not reverent belonging.

2. I am not like God in the way I act in the world.

My sin is expressed in the way I relate to everything.

- I relate to others through personal interest, not love.
- I relate to self through pride, not humility.
- I relate to God through distrust, not reverent belonging.

3. I need Jesus to make me like God, as I ought to be.

- Righteousness is expressed as love.
- Righteousness is expressed as humility.
- Righteousness is expressed as reverent belonging.

Living with a Healthy Awareness of My Sin

1. Restoring Perception: Discernment
 - *Wakefulness from Scripture*
 - *Wakefulness from the Perspective of Others*
2. Restoring Action: Obedience
 - *Putting Off Unrighteous Habits*
 - *Putting On Righteous Habits*
3. Failing Well: Repentance
 - *Confession as Full Agreement with God*
 - *Belief as Personal Identification with Christ*