

Bible Study – The Three Classes of Sin

1. What is sin? *Rom. 3:23, Phil 3:14, 1 John 3:4*

2. What are the three classes of sin? *1 John 2:16*

a) What is the lust of the flesh? *Gal. 5:17-21*, Further Reading: *1 Thess. 4:3-5, 1 Cor. 6:13, Proverbs 6:25, 2 Tim. 2:16-17,22, 1 Pet. 2:1,11-12*

b) What is the lust of the eyes? *Psalm 101:3, Matt 6:22, Exodus 20:17, Job 31:1*, Further Reading: *2 Samuel 11*

c) What is the pride of life? *Luke 12:16-21*

3. How do we know that these three classes of sin are all encompassing? *Heb. 4:15*

4. Case Study – Jesus and the three classes of sin – Matt. 3:16-17, 4:1-11

a) Why did Jesus go into the wilderness? *Matt. 4:1*

b) Why would the Spirit lead Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted? *Matt. 6:13, James 1:13, 1 Cor. 10:13, Exodus 13:17-18 (To prepare him for ministry, to be in all points tested like we are, God doesn't tempt any man, but he allows our faith to be tested. We ask him not to allow us to experience more than we can bear)*

c) What was Jesus doing while in the wilderness? *Matt 4:2, Acts 9:9, Acts 13:1-3* Further Reading *Exodus 15:22 - 16:36*

d) Can we see the tempter luring Jesus into each category of sin? *Matt. 4:3-11, John 16:7-8,*

e) Can we see him doing the same in the Garden of Eden? *Gen. 3:1-6*

f) What can we learn about overcoming temptation from Jesus' preparation and response to temptation? *Matt. 4:2, Mark 14:38, Isa. 58:6-7, Matt. 4:3-11, Psalm 119:11, John 17:17*
Further Reading: *Deut. 8:2-3, Deut 6:13, Deut. 6:17, Exodus 17:7*

5. What is promised to us if we resist the devil in all areas of sin? *James 1:12, Rev. 21:7*
