

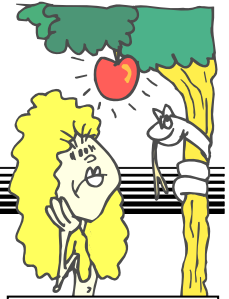
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# What's Your Problem? *Sin & Its Deceitfulness*

part 3



**1. See** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.21a)

**2. Expose** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.21b-22)

**3. Ponder** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.23)

*Romans 1:21-23*

<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

<sup>22</sup> Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools

<sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. (NIV)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. What is your assessment of those who say they love you but choose to willfully do what is contrary to your desires, values, standards and requests?

Obviously there are those who overtly reject God and his commands, but how have you witnessed your own inadvertent rejection of God as you pursued a sinful or compromised path? What can you learn from this connection?

2. Read **Proverbs 6:25-29**. Why is the perspective so radically different between the wise observer and the one embroiled in temptation?

How can this kind of foolish deception be identified in the "lesser sins" with which you grapple daily? In other words, identify some of the foolish and harmful consequences associated with materialism, gossip, laziness, etc.

3. Read **Hosea 9:7**. What current connections do you see between the sin in our culture and the disdain of biblical preachers and preaching?

4. How have you rationalized and excused your behavior and compromised God's truth by proceeding down a sinful path?

5. What can you do to keep the absurdity of sin in the forefront of your mind the next time you are hit with temptation?

## *Read Through the Bible in a Year*

Here's this  
week's schedule:

July 27<sup>th</sup>

*Esth. 7-8 & Ps. 81-82*

July 28<sup>th</sup>

*Esth. 9-10 & Ps. 83-84*

July 29<sup>th</sup>

*Job 1-2 & Ps. 85-86*

July 30<sup>th</sup>

*Job 3-4 & Ps. 87-88*

July 31<sup>st</sup>

*Job 5-6 & Ps. 89*

August 1<sup>st</sup>

*Job 7-8 & Ps. 90-91*

August 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Job 9-10 & Ps. 92-93*

August 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Job 11-12 & Ps. 94-95*

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0813 – **Getting Honest About Myself**

CD # 0720 – **Courage to Do the Right Thing**

CD # 0663 – **The Sin Problem: And Our Problem with Sin**

CD # 0725–0732 – **Our Fight with Sin (a seven-part series)**

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.  
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to [www.CompassBooks.org](http://www.CompassBooks.org).)

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