

The Continuation of Sin
Genesis 4:1-15
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Intro: A representative of Gideon's International recently reported this interaction with a young lady on an international Bible distribution trip. While on a college campus, he was giving our Bibles to students across a commons. A young lady came to him to return the testament he had given her. She began with, "This is a religious book." "Yes, the Bible," the Gideon replied. "I want to give it back to you because I am an Atheist," she replied, "I don't believe in God." Receiving it back and undaunted, the Gideon held on to the book, but ask to read something to her. He read John 3:16 and asked if she believed that God loved her. She responded, "I told you I did not believe in God, so if I don't believe in God, why would I think He loved me?" continuing he read Romans 3:23, that all have sinned, and asked if she was a sinner. The young lady changed, her shoulders dropped, her head tipped down, and after a moment she responded, "Maybe I'd better keep that book, can I have it back."

Interog: Are you aware that you are a sinner? Even if you think you never did anything wrong, the Bible teaches we inherit a sin nature when we are born, and we still need to be forgiven. Have you dealt with the sin the that separates you from God, and affects every area of you thinking and life?

Read Scripture:

- 1. We have an inheritance that leads to sin, verse 1-8.**
Matt 7:21
The nature of Cain's sin, religious jealousy, self willed, nature of his service to God
Adam and Eve saw first hand what they gave their children in the way of spiritual legacy.
- 2. We have a choice concerning sin, verse 7.**
Rom 6:12 – do not let - choice
Luke 22:31 – He seeks to have us
1 Pet 5:8 – He is out there
John 10:10 – the choice is yours
1 Cor 10:13 – He makes a way out
Eph 6:17 – The word and the spirit work together to defeat the evil one.
- 3. We have a confession to make for our sin, verse 9-15.**
Compare Adam and Eve and Cain in God's confrontation.
God's question – "What have you done?"
A&E confessed (reluctantly) Cain was arrogant and avoided the issue.
Last week we saw Adam and Eve focus on the promise not the cures, Cain does just the opposite.