

The Bible Doctrine Of Sin

Lesson 6

Sins Of Omission

Introduction

An old familiar phrase => *"It's not so much what you do as it is sometimes what you don't do."*

Failures to do right are just as problematic as doing something wrong...doing the forbidden. If for any reason we omit to do God's will, we have sinned. Even though we can't find "sins of omission" in the Scripture, it certainly is a valid Biblical concept, and worthy of our consideration.

- 1) Write a good basic definition of "omit" or "omission."

- 2) How does **Lk. 6:46-49** and **17:10** illustrate a Divine expectation God has of us doing what He commands?

- 3) How do the following passages illustrate the concept of a "sin of omission": **Jer. 32:23; Mt. 23:23; 25:41-45; Heb. 2:3.**

- 4) A person has to possess a certain mindset to omit things from God's will. Consider these suggestions and comment on each one:
 - a) Ignorance (**Rom. 1:28; Eph. 4:17-19; Acts 17:23, 30**)

 - b) Hard to do or receive
 - Some will not teach nor receive truth because it is hard, or "offensive"
 - Peace with God comes only when we are willing to do His will (**Psa. 119:165**)
 - Examples where people/churches "omit" part of God's will they believe is "hard"
 - *Teaching on immodesty* (**1 Tim. 2:9-10; 1 Pet. 3:3-5**)

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- *Teaching on marriage, divorce, and remarriage* (Mt. 19:1-12)

 - *Teaching on church discipline* (1 Cor. 5:4-5; 2 Thess. 3:6)

 - *Fear* (Mt. 25:14-15, 24-25; 26:69-75; Gal. 2:11-14)

 - *Rebellion* (1 Sam. 15:22-23; Isa. 30:9; Acts 7:51; Rom. 13:2)
- 5) Consider these passages and the principles they teach as a solution to committing sins of omission:
- a) Respect for God and His word (Psa. 119:6; Lev. 26:15-18)

 - b) A willingness to do, comply (Jas. 1:22; Heb. 11:8; Gal. 6:9)

 - c) A desire to please God (2 Cor. 5:9; Eph. 6:5-8)

 - d) A love for God (1 Jn. 5:3; cp. Gen. 29:20)