

## **SANCTIFICATION (PART 7)**

### **WHY STUDY SIN?**

*Seven reasons to study sin:*

I. Sanctification demands it

II. Scripture encourages it

- A. The biblical writers speak often of sin
- B. Biblical narrative describes sin constantly
- C. The Law forbids and condemns sin
- D. Sin is a topic of biblical poetry
- E. The prophets discussed sin at length
- F. Jesus preached against sin
- G. The apostles preached against sin
  - 1. In evangelism for unbelievers
  - 2. In epistles for the church

III. The cross includes it

- A. When preaching the gospel, sin must be explained
- B. For salvation, sin must be understood
- C. In salvation, sin must be lamented
- D. To receive Christ, sin must be feared

IV. The new nature allows it

V. Heart-shepherding requires it

- A. Comparison: studying an enemy's battle strategy
- B. Familiarity with our hearts will acquaint us with sin

VI. The church needs it

- A. We need to know about our sin before Christ
- B. We need to know about our sin after Christ
- C. We need to know about the sin in unbelievers

VII. Heaven disallows it