

# REDEMPTION CHURCH

## Sins of a Nation | Identifying Sin

### BIG POINT

We look around and see horrors and atrocities everywhere – from consumerism to late-term and on-demand abortion, gender mutilation, political corruption and dead churches. This week we look at where it starts, who is responsible, and how we address and work to remedy it.

### ISAIAH 58:1-2

*"1Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. 2Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God."*

This week we began a 2-week series out of Isaiah 58.

As an individual, as a church, and as a nation we all have asked "How did we get here?" To understand the answer we look to Isaiah 59:14-15,

*"Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter. Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice."*

Israel was in the same boat – a mess and embroiled in hypocrisy. Our message this weekend focused on how individual sin leads to corporate sin; and how we, as individuals and as the Church, should respond.

### Notes:

Isaiah 58:1 is a very clear call for the prophet (preacher) to:

1. Speak truth loudly (publicly).
2. Speak truth clearly.
3. Speak truth bluntly.

We are commanded to "NOT hold back"!

Jesus provides us with a perfect example of boldly and clearly proclaiming truth in [Matthew 25](#).

He didn't hold back, and neither should we. So, what are we to do? We are supposed to reveal the sin's of God's people.

### LIE #1:

**INDIVIDUALS SIN, NOT CHURCHES OR NATIONS.**

### TRUTH:

**INDIVIDUAL SIN LEADS TO CHURCH SIN WHICH LEADS TO NATIONAL SIN.**

## REMINDER

*Spiritual hypocrisy  
leads to decay.*

### 3 Things Plaguing our Nation:

1. Confusing Messages
2. Weak Institutions
3. Lack of Christian Leaders

#### 1 Peter 4:17

*For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?*

#### Galatians 5:9

*A little leaven leavens the whole lump.*

### So what do we do?

1. Repent
2. Pray
3. Return to God's Word

## Notes cont.:

### LIE #2:

NATIONAL ⇒ CHURCH ⇒ INDIVIDUAL

### TRUTH:

INDIVIDUAL ⇒ CHURCH ⇒ NATIONAL

#### Individual Sin:

- Sexual sin (pornography / fornication / adultery)
- Financial Sin (greed / injustice / consumerism)
- Spiritual Lethargy (apathy / worldliness)

***What happened? We abandoned God's Word.***

#### Church Sin:

- Sexually Deviant Church (sex scandals, rampant unBiblical divorce, coverups)
- Financially Deviant Church (strapped by debt, unconcerned with the poor, building an earthly Kingdom)
- Dead Church (no preaching of the Gospel, no acts of love, no desires for holiness)

***What happened? The church abandoned God's Word.***

#### National Sin:

- Grossly Sexually Deviant Culture (LGBTQIA+ / sex trafficking / gender mutilation)
- Filthy Rich but Broke Nation (33T in debt, beginnings of a welfare state, rampant greed and corruption)
- Post-Christian Culture (education system, political environment, cultural norms)

***What happened? The nation abandoned God's Word.***

*When we abandon God's Word, the church and nation follow.*