

**Shema Series**  
**Moral Conversion**  
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**Opening**

-June: Hannah 2 years and Vanessa 4 years

-This series/Summer series...

-(exhort, power of resurrection to not sin...)

**Recap**

**-I want the reflex of my heart to be one of obedience to God!**

**-rebellious - reluctant - reflexive**

**-(show the Shema diagram) (talk about this being a heart renovation)**

-conversion simply means to change...

-(recap all the definitions...in order of our series)

- **Religious Conversion\* begins by making a vow of devotion to Jesus and confessing Jesus' right to have authority over every aspect of my life.**
- **Intellectual Conversion involves taking responsibility for the truth or falsity of one's beliefs by examining and testing them.**
- **Sociopolitical Conversion involves accepting responsibility to seek the good for all humans and to work strategically with others to challenge and convert the wider world as well.**
- **Affective Conversion happens when a person takes personal responsibility for his or her emotional healing and development.**
- **Moral Conversion means being responsible to cultivate habits that embody the moral virtues one has embraced and to live according to a broader social responsibility.**

## Who Decides Right and Wrong?

-St. Augustine on sin, "An utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law"

-John 8:1-5 (Scripture with Congregation with Shepherd)

-Together at City Life, we ask these...

-Is \_\_\_\_\_ a sin of **omission or commission?**

(James 4:17) – ref.

-Is \_\_\_\_\_ a sin of **morality, conscience, or liberty?**

(Romans 13:8-14 and Romans 14) – ref.

-Is \_\_\_\_\_ a sin that was **time bound?**

(Matthew 15:10-11,13) – read and explain "uprooted"

-Is \_\_\_\_\_ a sin that **leads to death?**

(1 John 5:17...venial vs. mortal) – ref.

*-If you ignore the complexity of something in an effort to simplify truth, you inevitably create the confusion you were trying to avoid.*

*-Any sin that is ever listed in Scripture with the stated consequence of spiritual death, eternal damnation, or the loss of Heaven as an inheritance...can never be time bound or a matter of conscience.*

*\*(1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:3-5)*

## Is Jesus Minimizing Immorality?

-John 8:6-8

>Does grace erase the seriousness of sin?

>I believe here he is exposing the sin of the religious, shaming another for their own gain...He's challenging how we prioritize...

>stop looking for sin in the world with tunnel vision AND without a mirror!!!!

-Matthew 2:13-16

- The death of the innocent
- For the salvation of another
- Verses 17 and 18

**-These families are heroes in Heaven, not forsaken by God...they carried the weight of this prophetic picture!**

-Jesus, the Innocent...died for our own escape!!!!

-Romans 3:23

-Romans 6:23

-(talk about my revelation in the summer and fall of 1990...how the image of Jesus on the cross affected me...)

***-Until I understand the seriousness of sin, I'll never fully understand the doctrine of grace: grace is the power to stop, not permission to indulge.***

### **What is Jesus' Priority?**

-John 8:9-11 (2 Chronicles 7:14)

**-Jesus' goal is always transformation...just because we will never be perfect doesn't mean we should give up trying to be better!**

-“Go and sin no more” = command to repent (not just sorrow and regret)

- **Acknowledgement**
- **Confession**
- **Forgiveness**
- **Restitution**
- **Resolve**

-John 8:31-32 (NASB)

- **Continue: Giving Scripture authority over you.**
- **Know: Examining your life in light of Scripture.**
- **Free: Bringing your life in alignment with Scripture.**

## Band

**-Moral Conversion means being responsible to cultivate habits that embody the moral virtues one has embraced and to live according to a broader social responsibility.**

-Questions (Moses in Pharaoh's House)

- Have I taken personal responsibility for my life and actions?
- Do I act the same when I am in public as when I am alone?
- Do I cultivate virtues and develop habits that enable me to live by my principles?
- Do I acknowledge and confront my inconsistent behavior?

## Close

-Praxis Booklet...