

A watercolor illustration of a coastal town. In the foreground, there are rolling green hills with some trees. In the middle ground, a town is built on a hillside, featuring a prominent lighthouse with a white tower and a dark top. To the left, a sea stack rises from the water. The sky is filled with soft, white and blue clouds. The overall style is soft and artistic, with visible brushstrokes and a warm color palette.

The Gospel of

Luke

The culture defines sin as the violation of some arbitrary rule of religion.

Hamartia (Greek αμαρτία)

- To miss the mark
- To go astray
- To slip into error

Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

Luke 5:12-13

12 While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." 13 And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him.

Luke 5:14-16

14 And he charged him to tell no one, but “go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” 15 But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. 16 But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

“Anyone with such a defiling disease must wear torn clothes, let their hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of their face and cry out, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’ As long as they have the disease they remain unclean. They must live alone; they must live outside the camp.” (Leviticus 13:45-46)

“Let all that I am praise the Lord. May I never forget the good things he does for me. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.” (Psalm 103:2-3)

When Jesus forgives our sins, he washes us clean and removes the consequences of our sin.

Our repentance means partnering
with God to uproot sin's influence in
our lives.

“So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

(Romans 6:11)

Luke 5:27-29

27 After this Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." 28 And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. 29 And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them.

Luke 5:30-32

30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" 31 And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.”
(1 Timothy 1:15)

When we repent, we partner with Jesus to uproot sin's influence in our lives and reconnect with God and our God-given identity and mission.

“It was certainly our sickness that he carried and our sufferings that he bore, but we thought him afflicted, struck down by God and tormented. He was pierced because of our rebellion and crushed because of our crimes. He bore the punishment that made us whole. By his wounds we are healed.”

(Isaiah 53:4-5)

- Do I take my sin seriously?
- Have I sought Jesus' forgiveness?
- How have I put feet to my repentance?

How have I partnered with Jesus to uproot sin's influence in my life?

How have I reconnected with God and my God-given identity and mission?