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**1. First Things First: The
Greatest Sin is Unbelief and
the Rejection of Christ
(*John 3:17-20*)**

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John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

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19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

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20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

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2. Sin Isn't Only Doing
Bad Things - It's Not Doing
the Right Thing
(*James 4:17*)

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James 4:17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

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**3. Allowing This Culture
to Shape Our Personal
Definition of Sin
(*Romans 12:2*)**

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Romans 12:2 **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

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**4. Making God Our
Understanding ‘Grace Buddy’ -
Instead of the Holy God He Is!
(*1 Thessalonians 4:1-7*)**

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1 Thess. 4:1 **Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more.**

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² For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;

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⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor,

⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;

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6 that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.

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7 For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

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5. Being Comfortable with Our Own Sins While Hating Others' Sins (When Was the Last Time You Were Broken Over Yours?)
(*Mark 14:70-72*)

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Mark 14:70 But again he denied it.
And after a little while the
bystanders again said to Peter,
“Certainly you are one of them,
for you are a Galilean.”

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71 But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.”

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⁷² And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

The image features two clenched fists, one on the left and one on the right, bound together by a thick, dark, frayed rope. The fists are positioned against a background of dark, vertical wooden planks. The overall scene is framed by a white border with four circular fasteners at the corners.

YOU ARE SLAVES OF THE ONE YOU OBEY—

WHETHER YOU ARE
SLAVES TO SIN,
WHICH LEADS TO
DEATH,

OR TO
OBEDIENCE,
WHICH LEADS TO
RIGHTEOUSNESS?

ROMANS 6:16B NIV