

# *General Session #2 - I am a Sinner*

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### **Introductory Thoughts**

#### **Main Point**

An essential element of a biblical view of self is *I am not good like God, as I ought to be. On my own, I neither see the world rightly nor act righteously in it.*

1. I am not like God in the way I see the world.

*My sin affects my perception of everything.*

- I perceive others through personal interest, not love.
- I perceive myself through pride, not humility.
- I perceive God through distrust, not reverent belonging.

2. I am not like God in the way I act in the world.

*My sin is expressed in the way I relate to everything.*

- I relate to others through personal interest, not love.
- I relate to self through pride, not humility.
- I relate to God through distrust, not reverent belonging.

3. I need Jesus to make me like God, as I ought to be.

- Righteousness is expressed as love.
- Righteousness is expressed as humility.
- Righteousness is expressed as reverent belonging.

#### **Living with a Healthy Awareness of My Sin**

1. Restoring Perception: Discernment
  - *Wakefulness from Scripture*
  - *Wakefulness from the Perspective of Others*
2. Restoring Action: Obedience
  - *Putting Off Unrighteous Habits*
  - *Putting On Righteous Habits*
3. Failing Well: Repentance
  - *Confession as Full Agreement with God*
  - *Belief as Personal Identification with Christ*