**Timely Answers from God’s Word**

**Pr. 15:23 – a person has joy in giving an appropriate answer, and a word at the right time – how good it is!**

**Question for today: What is sin?**

**Why is sin such an important issue in the bible?**

**Timely Word for today**

1 John 3:4 – everyone who sins is breaking God’s law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God

1. When we sin we are breaking the law of God Ex. 20: 3 – 17

The law of God is 10 commandments

Have no other gods before me

Do not make idols of the heaven, earth or water

You shall not worship the idols you make & You shall not take the name of the Lord God is vain

Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy

Honor your father and mother

You shall not murder

You shall not commit adultery

You shall not steal

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbors wife, his male or female servant, or ox or donkey anything that belongs to your neighbor

You shall not cove your neighbors, house,

1. Sin is the practice of disobeying, ignoring & rebelling against God’s law

Israel sinned against God’s laws

Rom. 1: 18 – God’s wrath is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness & unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness

Sin says: I don’t care what God tells me to do I will do as I choose!

1. Sin is opposed to God’s law

Rom. 1:22 – sin professes wisdom but is foolishness

Rom 1:23 – sin exchanges the glory of God for the creature & creation

Rom. 1:24 – sin is corrupts of the body by immoral sexual desires & practices

Rom. 1:29 – sin is expressed wickedness, greed, evil envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice, gossiping, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogance, boastfulness, inventors of evil, disobedience to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful

**Living God’s Word**

1. 1 John 1:9 – confess your sin to God he will forgive your sin
2. Remember that Jesus Christ took our sin on Himself so that we might be forgiven of our sin
3. No sin is beyond the forgiveness of God – but every sin carries consequences that can last a life – time