

# “The Devil Made Me Do It” – Rethinking Evil and Sin

## *Kenosis: Antidote to Sin*

### 1. Evil

- a. Physical Evil (Week 1)
- b. Moral Evil (Weeks 2 & 3)
- c. Spiritual Evil (Week 2B)

### 2. **Sin**: Actual, Original, and Deadly (Week 4-5)

### 3. ***Kenosis: Antidote to Sin*** (Week 6)

- a. Salvation and Hope
- b. *Kenosis*

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### Review (Weeks 4-5)

1. Moral **discernment** is in the judgment (moral **conscience**)
2. Morality (moral good or evil) is in the **free will**
3. **Moral Evil** is a decision that creates more harm than good
4. Choices have consequences: obligations and responsibilities in **justice**
5. (Actual) **Sin** is a conscious decision act contrary to **Core Values**
6. All sin involves **injustice**
7. “Mortal” sin is a decision to change our **fundamental life option** against our Core Values
8. The consequence of sin is a rupture of **relationships** (self, others, and God)
9. **Sin Unto Death** is blasphemy or despair

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### Preview

1. Why do we sin? Our **Motivator** is the Ego
2. **Disarming** the Ego
3. ***Kenosis***: Surrender to Love
4. The **Paschal Mystery** and power
5. **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**
6. **Reconciliation**: Cleaning up our messes
7. **Eucharist**: Acceptance, Surrender, and Gratitude

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### **Meet the Ego!**

1. Power of the Ego
2. Hallmark of the Ego: *Distrust*
3. Beliefs of the Ego
4. Voices of the Ego
  - a. “But what if...?”
  - b. “I can’t imagine...”
  - c. “I’ve got this.”
5. Weapons of the Ego: *Shame*

# John 1:14-17

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us,  
and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son,  
full of **grace and truth**.

<sup>15</sup> John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said,  
'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed  
before me.'" <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace,  
<sup>17</sup> because while the law was given through Moses, **grace and truth** came  
through Jesus Christ.

# Maslow's Hierarchy



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# Romans 8:29-30

<sup>29</sup> For those he foreknew he also predestined to be **conformed to the image** of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

<sup>30</sup> And those he predestined he also **called**; and those he called he also **justified**; and those he justified he also **glorified**.



# Isaiah 11:2-3

<sup>2</sup> The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:  
a spirit of **wisdom** and of **understanding**,  
A spirit of **counsel** and of **strength**,  
a spirit of **knowledge** and of **fear of the LORD**,  
<sup>3</sup> and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.  
Not by appearance shall he judge,  
nor by hearsay shall he decide,  
<sup>4</sup> But he shall judge the poor with **justice**,  
and decide fairly for the land's afflicted.

# Reconciliation (Making Amends)

1. Asking for healing of our character defects (**self**)
2. Seek reconciliation with **others**
  - a. Acknowledgement of wrong (confession)
  - b. Expression of sorrow and regret (contrition)
  - c. Making good the harm (restitution)
3. Reconciliation with **God** in the Body of Christ
4. Training of the will (penance – not punishment)