

## More Cleanness

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### PICTURE: X-Y graph

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### I. Two Mistaken Views People have about Sin:

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1. “Sin is not a problem.”

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2. “Sin is not a problem for me.”

### II. The Truth about Sin:

1. We have a disposition toward sin.

2. We commit acts of sin.

3. We are sinners by nature and by choice.

### PICTURES: HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL-JERUSALEM (Seven Yad Vashem Pictures)

### III. Our Options for dealing with sin.

1. We can rationalize it.

2. We can obsess over it.

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3. We can confess it.

**IV. What God does when we confess:**

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins

1. He *forgives* us the debt.

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2. He *cleanses* us from the stain.

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3. He *credits* our debt with Christ's righteousness.