

## Sin

- We all have fallen in this way (Romans 3:23)
- Scripture describes sin as a trap
  - Psalm 106:36
  - Proverbs 22:25
  - Proverbs 29:6
- We are powerless to remove ourselves from this trap
  - It is not our own doing (Ephesians 2:8-9)
  - “Our own doing” leads to death (Romans 6:23; Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 16:25)
  - “Our own doing” only hides sin (Proverbs 28:13)
- But there is a release!
  - Freedom which results from God’s grace (Ephesians 2:8-10)
  - Freedom which results from God’s word (2 Timothy 2:24-26)
  - Freedom which results from obedience (Romans 6:17-18; Hebrews 5:9)

## Zeal

- There is usually great zeal when one is first obedient to the gospel (Matthew 13:20-21)
- God has set us apart to continue in that zeal
  - His grace appeared, not only to *save* us, but to *change* us and make us zealous for his works (Titus 2:11-14)
  - We are to be fervent in spirit (Romans 12:11)
  - When we turn from the Lord’s way, we are to “be zealous and repent” (Revelation 3:19-22)
- Let’s reestablish it!
  - Love **God** more than the **world** (Matthew 13:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:2-4)
  - Plant the seed in your heart (Luke 8:15)
  - Recognize what God has done (Romans 5:6-11)
  - Practice discipline (1 Corinthians 9:25-27)
  - “Be zealous and repent” (Revelation 3:19)