

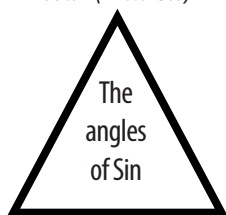


The Lie:

“God Can’t Change Me”

What lies beneath: the angles of Sin

Satan (*1Peter 5:8*)



World (*1John 2:16*)

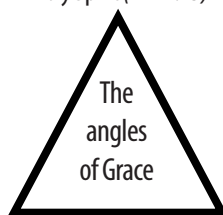
Flesh (*Gal 5:19*)

The Hope of Change:

“Yes God Can”

Overcoming the lie: the angles of Grace

Holy Spirit (*Phil 2:13*)



Will (*Gal 5:22*)

Community
(*1Thess 5:11*)

Small Group/Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Why do you think the big lie - “God cannot change me” – is so destructive in people’s lives?
2. Do you agree that people often focus mainly on one of the angles of sin? (*e.g., some people focus on how “the devil made me do it” and others “my flesh is weak” and yet others “it was because the people I was with”*). What makes this singular focus attractive to people?
3. Why do you think Peter describes Satan as he does in *1Peter 5:8*?
4. How does the story of Jesus life, death & resurrection give us hope as we struggle against sin? (*cf., 2Co 1:10; Gal 5:5; Php 4:13; 2Co 5:17; Gal 2:20; Php 3:10*).
5. Since human beings are both physical and spiritual, how important is it to have both physical and spiritual elements to our development in the Christian life?
6. When you think about the angles of grace, how do you think each aspect supports and helps the others as we move forward toward a life of holiness and Christlikeness?
7. C. S. Lewis once wrote: “If Christianity was something we were making up, of course we could make it easier. But it is not. We cannot compete, in simplicity, with people who are inventing religions. How could we? We are dealing with Fact. Of course anyone can be simple if he has no facts to bother about. (*Mere Christianity*) How do you think Lewis’ thoughts relate to the “angles of sin” and the “angles of grace” as presented in the weekend message?



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