## **TWISTED**

## Pt. 5 – It's No Mistake Pastor Vernie Fletcher

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Sin is an uncomfortable word. It implies a moral absolute exists that we are accountable to and have fallen short of. As a result, this word has almost completely dropped out of our vocabularies. But when we allow the truth about sin to be twisted, there are far-reaching consequences.

### The Twist: Sin becomes "a mistake"

- **A. Sin:** transgression of divine law, especially a willful or deliberate violation of a religious or moral principle.
- **B. Mistake**: an error in action, calculation, opinion or judgment caused by poor reasoning, carelessness, insufficient action, etc.

#### Matthew 5:17-48

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus raised the bar and set a new standard of righteousness.

Matthew 5:20-22 (NIV)

Jesus said there must be an inward change.

Romans 1:28-32 (NIV)

# Inward change of the heart

1 Corinthians 8:12 (NIV) James 4:17 (NIV)

Heart change means a mouth change.

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV) Ephesians 5:4 (NIV)

Heart change means a thinking change.

Proverbs 16:27-28 (TEV) Romans 3:23-25 (NIV)