

# DANIEL 9:1-19

## Marks of a Useless Church

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We are ever prone to regard sin lightly, to gloss over its hideousness, to make excuses for it. ~A.W. Pink, *The Attributes of God*

I hate sin not because it damns me, but because it has done you wrong!  
To have grieved my God is the worst of grief to me.  
~C.H. Spurgeon, Sermon: *The Monster Dragged to Light*

Our business is to present the Christian faith clothed in modern terms, not to propagate modern thought clothed in Christian terms. Confusion here is fatal. ~J.I. Packer, *J.I. Packer and the Evangelical Future*

### DISCUSSION questions

1. Pastor Justin asked the question, "Why were the Israelites in exile?" From what he shared and using Deuteronomy 28 and Daniel 9:11-13, how would you answer that question?
2. In Daniel 9, Daniel identifies with the sin of the people of God. How does Jesus identify with our sin as we see on the cross chart? What are the implications of how we identify with the sins of others in corporate confession.
3. In what ways do you see yourself and others trying to maintain a dual citizenship in the world and in the kingdom of God, desiring what the world desires and yet still wanting the benefits of the kingdom?
4. How does the gospel apply as a corrective to each of the four marks of a useless church? Give specifics for each of the four.
5. This passage should drive us to our knees on behalf of the church. Using Daniel 9:15-19, pray for the church.

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**Next Week:** Daniel 9:20-27: The Antichrist's Approach Part 1, Pastor Matthew St. John