

SIN AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

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I. Definition of Sin:

- A. Sin cannot be confused with morals. The Bible is a great source for Christian Morals, but morals are not necessarily sin. We should use the Bible as a platform to raise our children, just understand that we are teaching morals and not sin.
Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
- B. **Imputed Sin:** This is Adam's sin that was passed unto us because we are simply man. Thus full filling the statement that we are all sinners. (**Romans 3:23**)
1 Timothy 2:13-15 "For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived ..."
Romans 5:12-14 "by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men,"
- C. **Habitual Sin:** Sin that is committed simply because we are sinful people and we make mistakes and sin.
1 John 1:5-2:1 "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. "

If we are sinful people and we commit sin then what defines sin

- "The Basics" or The Law:**
Romans 3:20 "the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified ...for by the law is the knowledge of sin."
1 Corinthians 15:56 "The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law."
1 John 3:4 "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."
 - We are no longer held under the Law because we belong to the New Covenant:
Romans 7:1-25 "we are delivered from the law, ... that we should serve in newness of spirit, "
Galatians 3:19-29, vs. 24 "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, "
 - We need to learn the spirit of the Law. The law can be summarized by Love.
Matthew 22:36-40 "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets ."
Galatians 5:14 "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."
1 John 3:7-15 "he that loveth not his brother abideth in death"
- What is the definition of sin?**
James 1:15 "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: ... when it is finished, bringeth forth death."
James 4:17 "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."
1 John 5:17 "All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death."
1 John 3:4 "Whosoever commith sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the **transgression of the law.** "
Romans 14:23 "And he that doubteth is damned if he eat... for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."
Then, the Definition of Sin: **Sin is any action performed not out of love for God or love for your neighbor.**
1 John 3:4 "for sin is the **transgression of the law.** "
Matthew 22:37-40 "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
- Conviction:** Under the New Covenant we are released from the letter of the law. But it's the spirit of the law that God has placed in our hearts. As we grow in Christ the spirit of the law defines the letter of the law for each of us.
Jeremiah 31:31-34 "I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; "
John 14:26 "But the Comforter... he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance"
- Examples of Clarity:** Some things are clearly defined for us as to it being a sin. However, there are things that are not so clearly defined. It is the spirit of the law, expressed by conviction, that defines if this is a sin. Doesn't mean that something isn't a sin because it hasn't been expressed to us. What it does mean is that God has challenges with something in our life that we need to deal with now. Look at these examples:

Here we can see that Pornography is a sin (still based upon interpretation):

Matthew 5:27 "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery :"

Example that drunkenness is a sin, but what about a drinking:

Galatians 5:21 "... drunkenness, ,, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Here is a misinterpreted passage that smoking is a sin (he is talking to a church):

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you... (The work smoking is used 5 times and smoke is used 45 times, but none apply to cigarettes.)

5. **Liberty for Christ:** We are released from the letter of the law, that is we are given liberty, so that we can serve God freely. We have liberty in the Covenant so we can grow and become more like God as we mature.

Galatians 5:13-26 "... *ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh*"

1 Peter 2:16 "*and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness*"

Romans 6:11-23 "*For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*"

The New Covenant is not about Legalism it is about Liberty. Liberty to serve God faithfully which is determined by our heart.

Take Heed: **1 Corinthians 8:6-13** "... *this liberty of yours becomes a stumbling block for them that are weak*"

II. THE BIG PICTURE:

A. Protestant Theology:

Unsaved – That sin sends them to Hell

Saved – That once “saved” all sin is forgiven by this single act.

That is the people before Christ looked towards the Cross and those after him look back to the cross.

B. Covenant Theology:

Unsaved – Sent to the “place of torment” because of the imputed sin. There is no forgiveness. (**John 3:18; Romans 5:12**)

Saved and Outside the Covenant – The act of being saved forgives the imputed sin, but there is no forgiveness for their sins. (**Isaiah 59:1-4**)

Saved and Inside the Covenant – The act of being saved forgave the imputed sin, and there place of in the covenant provides access to forgiveness of their sins. Thus, providing the opportunity to be faithful to God. (**1 John 2:1-3**)

III. OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

A. God is the only one to forgive sin:

Matthew 9:6 (Mk 2:5-10; Lk 5:20-24) "*But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins,..*"

Old Covenant

New Covenant

B. Forgiveness of sin requires the shedding of Blood:

Genesis 3:21 "*LORD God make coats of skins*"

Hebrews 9:22 "*shedding of blood is no remission.*"

Matthew 26:28 "*shed for many for the remission of sins .*"

Ephesians 1:7 "*we have redemption through his blood,*"

Colossians 1:14 "*we have redemption through his blood,*"

C. **The Scapegoat:** Under the Old Covenant a animal sacrifice was done to forgive sins. He was the scapegoat in which the sins were imputed upon him and his death paid for those sins. Under the New Covenant, Jesus Christ became the scapegoat and died on the cross.

Leviticus 16:21-22 "*confess over him all the*"

Hebrews 9:11-14 "*For if the blood of bulls and of goats*"

John 3:13-18 "*even so must the son of man be lifted up*"

Hebrews 10:4-10 "*not possible that the blood of bull*"

D. **Our Advocate:** By Christ death he paid the wages of sin. Because of his resurrection he was appointed to be our High Priest and advocate for the sins of those in the New Covenant.

Jeremiah 31:34 "*saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*"

Hebrews 10:16-18 "*And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*"

Hebrews 10:19-22 "*And having an high priest over the house of God;*"

Acts 5:31 "*Him hath God exalted with his right hand ...Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.*"

Acts 10:43 "*that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.*"

1 John 2:1-3 "*And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:*"

E. **Baptism:** Since baptism is the entrance into the covenant, where we have forgiveness of sins, then baptism is related to forgiveness.

Genesis 17:11,14 "*ye shall circumcise...it shall be a token of the covenant between me and you.*"

Acts 2:38 "*Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,...*"

Mark 1:4 "*John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.*"

Acts 22:16 "*And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*"

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF SIN:

A. Consequences of single act of sin:

1. Chastened of the Lord

Hebrews 12:5-6 " My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, ...For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, "

2. Warning to not consent to Sin:

James 1:15 "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. "

Galatians 5:16-17 " Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. "

Galatians 6:7-9 "soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption... soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life"

3. We will not be removed from the covenant by a single act, but by habitual behavior, our walking in darkness.

2 Samuel 12:13 "And David said ..., I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said .., The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die."

Psalms 51:10-11 " Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me."

4. We will be removed from the covenant if we remain in sin with no repentance.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 " For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

1 Peter 1:13-17 " As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: "

1 Peter 2:1 "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, "

1 Peter 4:1-7 " That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. "

2 Peter 1:1-12 " give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: "

Hebrews 3:13 "But exhort one another daily, ...lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. "

Hebrews 10:26 " if we sin wilfully ... there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, "

1 John 3:6-9 "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him."

5. At what point are we removed from the covenant. The bible doesn't say. If we remain in sin, there will be a point in which God will no longer seek after us, and cut us off.

Revelation 2:4-5 "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love . Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent . "

Revelation 3:15-16 "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot . So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth . "

6. Does it make sense that Christ would be an advocate for a single act of sin or for our continually falling/restoration:

1 John 2:1 "these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father"

1 John 3:6 "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him."

1 John 3:8 "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. "

Hebrews 7:25 " he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

B. **We need to have sincerity in our walk of faith:** Do not get complacent and think it is okay to sin. We are at war each day with the devil to remain faithful to God.

1 Peter 2:11 " I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; "

Romans 2:17-29 "But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, "

1 John 1:6 "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: "

Amos 3:3 "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

C. The flesh and the spirit both have a will and they are continually fighting each other for dominance. **Romans 8:1-14**

D. We need to live as if we are sinless, to keep ourselves right with God.

Romans 6:1-14 "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ"

1 Corinthians 9:27 "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: ... I myself should be a castaway."

1 John 3:9 "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."