

Our Issues – God’s Answers

Is Sin Really So Bad?

INTRO: In our world today, sin has been purged from the vocabulary of most, including those within churches. Many churches never preach about sin or against sin lest they offend someone. But sin sends people to hell! How disobedient and foolish to not warn people of its nature and calamity.

I. THE CHARACTER OF SIN

1. SIN: Missing The Mark – Ro. 3:23, 19-20
2. TRANSGRESSION: Breaking The Law – 1 Jn. 3:4
3. TRESPASS: Offending The Lord – Ps. 51:1-4; Ek. 44:20; Da. 9:7
4. INIQUITY: Troubling The People – Ja. 3:6

II. THE CORRUPTION OF SIN

1. The Range Of Corruption
 - (1) Our Minds – Ge. 8:21; Ro. 1:18-24, 32; 2 Pt. 3:1-6
 - (2) Our Emotions – Ep. 4:18-19; Je. 17:9
 - (3) Our Will – Ep. 4:19
2. The Result Of Corruption – Ec.7:20; Pr.21:4; Ro.3:10-12; 5:10; Ja.2:10

III. THE CONTROL OF SIN

1. Without Christ – Jn. 8:34; 44; Ep. 2:2-3
2. With Christ – Ro. 7:14ff.; 12:2; Ga. 5:16-17; 1 Pt. 5:8

IV. THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

1. Spiritual Death – Ep. 2:1; 1 Co. 2:14; Ga. 5:19-21; 2 Tm. 3:1-5
2. Physical Death – Ge. 2:16-17; 5:1ff.; Ek. 18:4; Ro. 5:12
3. Eternal Death – Ro. 6:23; Re. 20:11-15

V. THE COST OF SIN – Jn. 3:16; Ro. 3:23-28; 1 Pt. 1:18-20

VI. THE CHOICES OF SIN - Ro. 6:23 (Dt. 30:19)

CONCL: Sin makes each of us God’s enemy. It is a direct affront to Him. To disobey Him is repugnant, foolish, unloving, and insane. Praise the Lord that God in His grace sent His Son to deal with sin forever. Have you been set free?!

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How Can I Find Forgiveness?

INTRO: There are no “redo’s” in life. But there is a way to alter the past. It is called forgiveness. Many mental health care professionals try to get people to refocus or minimize the things they do wrong. God however invites us to face the wrong and get it right—forever. Why cover up what you can cancel?!?!

I. THE MEANING OF FORGIVENESS

1. The Word
2. The Work
 - (1) Judicial Forgiveness: A Matter Of Sonship – Ro. 4:5-8
 - (2) Familial Forgiveness: A Matter Of Fellowship 0 1 Jn. 1:9

II. THE MANNER OF FORGIVENESS

1. Demonstrated By Christ – Lk. 23:34
2. Demonstrated By Christian – Acts 7:54-60

III. THE MEASURE OF FORGIVENESS

1. Illustrated By Jesus’ Math – Mt. 18:21-22
2. Illustrated By Jesus’ Manner – Ep. 4:32; Mt. 18:23-35

IV. THE MANDATES OF FORGIVENESS

1. The Proper Preparation
 - (1) By The One Harmed – Cl. 3:12-14; Mt. 18:15
 - (2) By The One Harming – Lk. 17:3-4; 2 Co. 7:10-11
2. The Proper Process – 1 Jn. 1:9

V. THE MOTIVES OF FORGIVENESS

1. The Will Of God – Ep. 4:32; Cl. 3:12-13
2. The Wiles Of Satan – 2 Co. 2:11
3. The Working Of Prayer – Mt. 6:12
4. The Worth Of Brothers – Mt. 18:15-17; 1 Jn. 3:16; 2 Co. 2:6-11

CONCL: None of us will be free from sin’s grip until glory. We will all sin. But praise the Lord that we can find forgiveness in His grace and that of the brethren!

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