

Sin and Conquering Its Consequences

Introduction: This topic is very unpleasant. It is the cause of all the pain and misery in the world. It is the reason many people will spend eternity in the suffering of eternal punishment of hell. We need to learn to hate it and spend our lives fighting against it.

- I. What is sin?
 - a. Original words – OT Hebrew “khata”, NT Greek word, “hamartia.” Literally meaning “missing the mark.”
 - b. 1 John 3:4 Sin is lawlessness. Any disobedience to the commandments of God.
 - c. Three categories of sin – 1 John 2:16
 - d. Sin can be doing what God says not to do or failing to do what God has said to do.
 - e. Lists of some specific sins (though not complete list of ALL sins)
 - i. Mark 7:21-23, Galatians 5:19-21
 - f. All sin is based in selfishness.
- II. What does sin do to my relationship with God?
 - a. God is holy and cannot have fellowship with sin. 1 John 1:5-6
 - b. Sin separates a person from God. Isaiah 59:1-2
 - c. This does not mean that God hates the person who is guilty of sin. John 3:16
- III. What is God’s way of removing the guilt of sin?
 - a. The Son of God coming to die for man’s sins was the only way guilt could be removed.
 - i. John 1:29 – The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
 - ii. Ephesians 1:7 – In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.
 - b. On the cross, Jesus took the guilt of our sins.

- i. 1 Peter 2:24, 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - c. How do I get washed in the blood of Jesus that He shed for my sins at the cross?
 - i. Faith – John 3:16, John 8:24
 - ii. Repentance – Luke 13:3, Luke 24:46-47, Acts 2:38
 - 1. This means we must face our sins and turn from them. We must decide to change.
 - iii. Confess our faith – Romans 10:9-10. Confessing Jesus as Son of God and Lord implies giving up control of our lives and giving it to him.
 - iv. Baptism into Christ – Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16, Romans 6:3-5
- IV. How do I deal with sin in my walk with God?
 - a. Romans 6:1-2 – We cannot continue to live and walk in sin so that it enslaves us. Romans 6:11-14
 - b. 1 John 1:5-10
 - i. The same blood that cleanses at baptism is now a continuing presence in my soul to keep me clean, as long I keep walking in the light.
 - ii. “Walking in the light” cannot mean sinless perfection because he said, “If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves.”
 - c. 1 John 2:1-6 – The goal is to not sin. We cannot continue a lifestyle of sin if we truly know Jesus.
 - d. But we can live in confidence that we are saved and secure, even though we have not conquered all sin in our lives and continue to struggle.
 - i. My story of facing sin and forgiveness.

Conclusion: One day our struggle with sin will be over and we will be in the glorious holy presence of God for eternity! Revelation 21:27