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CALLING SIN - SIN!

Description Of SIN

Sin is described in testaments as defilement, uncleanness, and that which is a barrier between fallen man and the Living God. It is Jesus Christ alone through the Cross which has cause the barrier to be removed, and sinner to be cleansed through His blood to all them that place their faith in Him. Jesus Christ is our source and the Cross is our means of Grace to be saved.

Vertical And Horizontal SIN

Sin can be both vertical and horizontal, so both God and men know about and have an understanding of sin's affects in your life...how it affected relationships...because you're without the Lord. The point here is that in sinning against the God you have also in some way sinned against your neighbor. Our Sins can be in "Thoughts," "Words," and "Deeds"... So we have a lot to be accountable for! Our sins are our own violations between us and God which also can be affecting others...

SIN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT AND NEW

Do We Really Grasp The Seriousness Of Our Sin?

O.T. Meaning of SIN (God's Word Reveals How Serious Sin Is)

Our understanding of God's will is tied to how seriously we see sin. Hebrew words describing sin overwhelmingly shows that people are *willful* (the act of the will in bondage to the sin nature – working sin willfully) in doing wrong and thus genuinely guilty before God. **Every type of word used shows sin as both voluntary and vicious: A sinner will:**

Miss or err from the mark, wander from the path of right planned for man: Ex. 20:20; Eze. 18:4, 20; Dan. 9:5, 15.

Act perversely, or twist and distort moral character, usually rendered "Iniquity:" Ex. 34:7, 9; Ps. 32:2, 5; Is. 53:6; Eze. 18:20; Dan. 9:5.

Transgress or break away from just authority, be contrary: Le. 16:15-16, 21; Is. 1:2; Eze. 18:30-31. This involves *violating safeguards and boundaries of protection*

Refuse to obey or hearken, a negative prefix to a verb basically meaning to listen or attend to: De. 28:45; Ne.9:16-17; Dan. 9:10.

Refuse to serve God, a negative to a verb basically meaning to labor, to work, *to work for another*, thus to not worship and serve *our rightful Ruler*: De. 30:17; Josh. 24:14-15; Neh. 9:35.

Act treacherously or deceitfully, usually rendered "trespass." Le. 5:15; 6:2; Josh. 7:1; Neh. 1:8.

Be rebellious (to make or tend to make God bitter): I Sam. 12:13-15; Is. 1:20; Neh. 9:17.

Be **stubbornly disobedient**, also rendered to rebel: Nu. 14:9; Neh. 9:26; Eze. 2:3; Dan. 9:5.

Be **wicked or impious** (with an idea of strong excitement): I Kgs. 8:47; Is. 57:20; Dan. 9:5, 15.

Live worthlessly or without any worthy purpose (with the idea of emptiness or vanity), often rendered "iniquity:" Is. 55:7 ("unrighteous man"); Jer. 4:14 ("wicked thoughts"); Micah 2:1 ("iniquity").

Spoil or dash to pieces the moral worth that God intended): Be outrageously disappointingly evil Ge. 6:5; Ps. 7:9; 51:4; Is. 1:16; Jer. 4:14

SIN HAS A SPIRIT NATURE!

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Through *sinners* are under *the sin nature* they are accounted by God as acts of sin which are "*consented acts*" (those that are acts of agreement). From Scripture that the *sin nature* which is *the organ of sin* is in reality a *spirit entity* (spirit nature) within fallen man is consented with - causing them to naturally work "willfully" toward their sinful actions against God.

Ro 7:15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

Fallen man in his awakening comes to understand *his current state*...he wants to leave his circle of endless sin yet does not have the power within him (will-power is not enough) to receive freedom (it is only in turning to the Lord where freedom was made complete through the Cross that sinners can be set free).

This spiritual condition of the sinful state of fallen mankind makes him at odds with the Lord...he is in fact God's enemy and under the curse of the law until he is reconciled through his faith in the Cross.

Ps 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

The good news is that when a sinner turns to the Cross (placing his faith there)...where God's judgment and wrath for sin was paid for... the sinner's account which was formerly bankrupt due to his sin...are now balanced by Christ death for the penalty of his sins. Man and God have been now reconciled through the Cross.

N.T. Meaning of SIN

New Testament Greek carries with it the same idea of sin shown in the Old Testament as wicked and inexcusable, again using many words *with different shades of meaning*. **"For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise they became fools" (Ro. 1:21-22).** Again, in sin someone will:

Miss or err from the mark, to wander from the path of uprightness and honor planned for man, a misdirection of our faculties: Lk. 15:21; 18:13; Jn. 16:8-9; Ro. 2:12; 3:23; I Jn. 3:4-5. To miss the mark does not mean God set the mark too high, but that our aim was not high enough; a "low-life".

Trespass, fall beside or deviate from the right path of life, stumble: Mt. 6:14-15; Ro. 4:25; Ep. 1:7; 2:1.

Transgress or step by the side of the prescribed path, overstep or depart from the way of truth: Mt. 15:2-3; Acts 1:25; Ga. 3:19; He. 2:2.

4. Be **lawless, or refuse to conform to Divine law** revealed to increase man's understanding of the right way: Mt. 7:23; II Co. 6:14; Tit. 2:14; I Jn. 3:4.

5. **Disobey or be disobedient, disbelieve or refuse belief** (willfully or perversely), from a verb to persuade or be persuaded, with a negative prefix: refuse to be persuaded, or comply; be obstinate Jn. 3:36; Ro. 2:8; 10:21; Ep. 2:2; 5:6; Tit. 1:16; 3:3; He. 3:18; 4:6; I Pe. 2:7 -8; 4:17.

6. **Do wrong, be unjust or unrighteous**, refuse to do what is right: Ro. 1:18; 2:8; I Co. 6:9; Col. 3:25; I Jn. 1:9; Re. 22:11.

7. Be **ungodly or to act impiously**, without reverential awe toward God: Ro. 1:18; I Tim. 1:9; Tit. 2:12; I Pe. 4:18; Jude 15, 18.

8. Be **evil, wicked, or depraved in mind and heart**: Mt. 12:34-35; 15:19; Jn. Ep. 6:12; Col. 1:21; He. 3:12.

SIN -Violation Of The Moral Light Of God's Holiness & Standards

Sin is a violation of the revealed *moral light*, a stupid and selfish refusal to conform to what we know and perceive as God's truth. It brings guilt, shame and blame. Scripture shows the active nature of sin so many ways no-one can claim it as a mistake or a misunderstanding. The Bible shows a sinner as a *rebel* against a loving God who has provided the way of salvation. Fallen men are not just some subject of pity who cannot help who they are! Fallen men are free moral agents to choose heaven or hell because they are each given the witness of God and His plan for redemption. There is always the idea of *voluntary activity in sin*, not some static, genetic or demonic causation that makes us helplessly bad. *Everyone is personally held accountable* for their own wrong (the acts of human choice and the human will to sin against God). You will never stand before God and be able to blame your descent, your Dad or the Devil for what *you did* to hurt yourself, others or Him.

Let us come to His Cross, and His Blood...and God's Grace...

1Jn. 1:5 -10; 2:1,2 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation (atonement) for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

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