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SESSION 11
SIN PART 1**

WHAT IS SIN?



1 John 3:4 *“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”*

It is impossible to deny the existence of sin when the whole world is in conflict between good and evil. If sin were not a fact, there would be no crime; we would not need jails or prisons. We would need no locks on our doors, or vaults for our valuables. To some, sin is being indiscreet, or it is a weakness of the flesh. To others, it is the absence from good. To the so-called scholar, sin is ignorance, and to the evolutionist, it is the nature of the beast. The latest theory is that sin is a disease to be treated by science, because man is not a sinner – he is only sick. To others, sin is a form of selfishness, but God declares that:

1. Sin is transgression of the law.

Transgression means illegal, wickedness, unrighteous and iniquity. In **Matthew 7:23** it deals with iniquity by stating that those that are workers of iniquity will depart from God. In **Matthew 24:12** in speaking of the end times that iniquity shall abound, and the love of many shall wax cold. It is evident that this is exactly what is happening at this point of time.

2. Sin is coming short of the glory of God.



(Romans 3:23). Like a dart board with the center in red, we come short of hitting the target as God’s creation. Sin keeps us from being in the presence of God and knowing the glory of God. It separates us from God until it is repented of. Only those with clean hands and a pure heart will see God. **(Psalm 24:3-7)**

3. Sin is rebellion against God.

Rebellion means apostasy, or to turn away from God and do wrong. Satan rebelled, and many have followed his lead. Another definition of rebellion is bitterness. Most bitter people are in rebellion. Some scriptural examples are **Isaiah 1:2** *“Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.”*

1 Samuel 15:23; Nehemiah 9:16-28; Deuteronomy 31:26-30; Proverbs 17:11; Jeremiah 28:15-17; Jeremiah 29:32

4. **Sin is unbelief. It makes God a liar!**

1 John 5:10; "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son."

Unbelief is a serious sin. We would not call God a liar to his face yet when we do not believe his Word or his promises, we are literally doing just that. God cannot do mighty works where there is unbelief (Matthew 13:58) Unbelief caused the disciples not to cast a devil out of a man. (Matthew 17:20) Mark 9:24; and Mark 16:14 tell us that unbelief and hardness of heart caused Jesus to upbraid the disciples after the resurrection. Hebrews 3:12-19; and Hebrews 4:6 lets us know that the Hebrews could not enter into rest because of their unbelief. Unbelief must be confessed as sin and repented of if we are to receive the blessings of God.

5. **Sin is going your own way, planning your life according to your own will, without seeking the will of God.**

(Isaiah 53:6) You can watch a child and see the sin nature in them. You tell them "no", and they do things anyway. This is the nature of sin, wanting to do our "own thing" in our "own way". A child must be trained right from wrong, and the only way that can be done is through training from God's word. That is the only source of truth, and the only source that rightly divides truth. Remember, all have sinned, so it is not an issue that only a few are dealing with. All means all.

6. **All unrighteousness is sin.**

(1 John 5:17). All means all. A person may call it their little problem, or their style, or even their right, but unrighteousness is sin. Living a lifestyle of unrighteousness will eventually lead to physical death and without Christ to redeem them before they die, they will also have a spiritual death.

Sin is **a folly to deceive you, a force to destroy you and a fact to condemn you**. Sin is a volitional act of disobedience against the revealed will of God.

HOW SIN ENTERED THE WORLD AND THE RESULTS OF SIN



Romans 5:12: *Wherefore by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so, death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

By one man sin entered into the world. In **Genesis 3:1-24** we learn where Adam sinned, and his seed became corrupt. God held Adam responsible because He was the head of the family. It was his responsibility to be the head of Eve and to guide her. When he failed to do this by letting her take and eat of the forbidden fruit, then eating it himself, God judged Adam for this rebellious act.

Man, sins by choice because he is a sinner by nature. Therefore, the dominion sin has over us is according to the delight we have in it.

1. In **1 Peter 1:23** we learn that Adam's fall caused his seed to be corruptible. All born of the flesh have Adam's nature, and are born of corruptible seed. The word **corruptible** means decayed and is perishable. This lets us know that those born with Adam's sin nature will eventually die physically.
2. In **1 Corinthians 15:54** we learn that the corruptible must put on incorruption, which comes through being born again. Then we are born of **incorruptible seed** that will never die spiritually. There is no sting in physical death when we have the incorruptible seed in our lives. (**1 Corinthians 15:54-58**)
3. You don't have to teach children to be bad, but you do have to teach children to be good. You do not have to teach them to lie, but you have to teach them to tell the truth. Because of sin, all judgment came upon all men to condemnation. (**Romans 5:18**) According to the Word of God, all mankind are judged sinners; and all are condemned already. (**John 3:18**)
4. The scriptures tell us that all have sinned (**Romans 3:23**). Sin entered into the world through our first parents, Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, thus perpetuating sin upon all of his seed, including you and me.



The wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23) As a result of man's sin there are now **three deaths**. Keep in mind that death does not annihilate; it only *separates*. In the Garden of Eden, it separated man from God spiritually; this is **spiritual death**. In natural death, it separates the **spirit** and the **soul** from the **body** (1 Thess. 5:23); this is **physical death**, in final death, it separates man from the mercy of God forever; this is **eternal death**.

1. **The wages of sin is spiritual death.** Just as the result of sin separated man from God spiritually and drove him for the presence of God out of the Garden, so sin will separate **you** from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). The only way back to God is to confess your sins to Him, (1 John 1:9), and forsake your sins (Isaiah 55:7), that you may be restored to fellowship with God.
2. **The wages of sin is physical death.** Physical death is a result of sin. Death had no claim on Adam until he sinned. Because of his fall, all mankind now die physically. Death is universal, and since we have a universal effect, we must have a universal cause, and that cause is universal sin. All men die – the good and the bad – the young and the old – and man will continue to die until death is destroyed by the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:26) and is swallowed up in victory (1 Corinthians 15:54-57).
3. **The wages of sin is eternal death.** (Ezekiel 18:20) *"The soul that sinneth, it shall die."* This is eternal separation from the love of God. (Revelation 20:14-15). Once the soul passes beyond the portal of hell he is lost and lost forever. He will continue to exist, but without hope. He is damned and damned for all eternity. Eternal death is eternal separation from God (Luke 16:19-31)

GOD'S REMEDY FOR SIN:

Man, not willing to accept God's remedy for his ruin, strives to bring about his own salvation by human means.

1. He strives for self-righteousness when he needs to be made the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21) *"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."* (Romans 10: 1-5; Luke 18:9-14;)
2. Mankind strives to reform when he needs to be regenerated. (Titus 3:5; John 3:3; Matthew 19:28;)

3. He strives to turn over a new leaf, when he needs a new life **(John 10:10)**
4. Man strives to be justified by the law, when he needs to be justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. **(Galatians 2:16; Hebrews 6:1)** This causes a person to be legalistic, and this kind of person also expects others to be the same.
5. He strives to clean up the old man, when he needs to be made a new man in Christ **(Ephesians 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17)**
6. He strives to be saved by good works. **(Ephesians 2:8-9)** The cults teach that their works save them and give them a special place with God. Works do not save us. They follow salvation because we love God and want to do what is right. **(Ephesians 2:10)**
7. The only remedy for the ruin of man is through Jesus Christ, the son of God, being made sin for us on the cross. The only way to receive this remedy is by faith in Him as personal Savior **(John 20:30-31)**



God does not wink at sin. Many think they are alright with a little sin in their lives, but sin separates us from God for eternity. Do not think that you are okay with sin. You must repent of it, which means to turn away from it and then make the choice not to do it anymore. The only way to do this is to daily crucify the flesh through walking in the Spirit and not giving in to our fleshly natures.

How? Examine your heart daily. Ask God if there is any sin that is separating you from Him. Then own it as yours and confess it. If you aren't hearing from God, chances are that you have something that separates you from Him. Do not be discouraged. He will show you the way back.

Sin separates but repentance reconciles!