

The Gospel of Christ and the Problem of Sin

How The Gospel Addresses The Problem Of Sin

TEXT: Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 7:24

INTRODUCTION:

- A. SIN IS TAKEN LIGHTLY BY CHRISTIANS AND THE WORLD.
- B. WHAT IS SIN?(**1 John 3:4; James 4:17; Rom. 14:23**).
- C. THE BIBLE REVEALS THE SERIOUSNESS OF SIN.
 - 1. In its **UNIVERSALITY**(**Rom. 3:23**).
 - 2. In its **CONSEQUENCES**(**Rom. 6:23**).
- D. MANY AREN'T AWARE OF THE PROBLEM OF SIN OR HOW THE GOSPEL ADDRESSES SIN AS A PROBLEM.

I. THE PROBLEM OF SIN.

- A. THERE IS THE "**LOVE**" OF SIN.
 - 1. Sin does have its pleasurable nature(**Heb. 11:24-25**).
 - 2. The pleasurable side of sin blinds men to the truth(**John 3:19**).
 - 3. **The love of sin is its power** - Love of that which is sinful.
 - a. Sin's a product of temptation(**James 1:13-15**). **You don't have to sin.**
 - b. As an illustration of sins power(**Rom. 7:14-21**).
- B. THERE IS THE **PRACTICE** OF SIN.
 - 1. The seriousness of sin is seen in that ALL have sinned!(**Rom. 3:23**).
 - 2. Even Christians continue to practice sin at times(**1 John 1:8-10**).
- C. THERE IS THE **STATE** OF SIN.
 - 1. Those who love and practice sin are said to be DEAD IN SIN(**Eph. 2:1**).
 - 2. This pertains to our relationship to God!(**vs. 12; Rom. 6:10-13**).
- D. THERE IS THE **GUILT** OF SIN.
 - 1. In the Scriptures, this refers primarily to **LEGAL** guilt(**Rom. 5:12**).
 - 2. We cannot deny or suppress the truth of our guilt(**Rom. 3:19**).
 - 3. There is the problem of **EMOTIONAL** guilt as well(**Matt. 26:76; 27:3-4**).
- E. FINALLY, THERE IS THE **RESULT** OF SIN
 - 1. "The wages of sin is death"(**Rom. 3:23**).
 - 2. In the Scriptures, death includes the idea of separation(**James 2:26**).
 - 3. Such separation exists in this life, but more in the life to come!(**Rev. 21:8**).

II. HOW DOES THE GOSPEL ADDRESS SIN?

- A. THE GOSPEL PRESENTS **FACTS** TO BE BELIEVED.
 - 1. What does the gospel tell us about Jesus?(**1 Cor. 15:1-4; Acts 2:22-36**).
 - 2. What does the gospel tell us about sin?(**Rom. 3:23; 6:23**).
- B. THE GOSPEL PRESENTS **COMMANDS** AND **PROMISES** TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEMS OF SIN.
 - 1. The **Command to Believe** in Jesus addresses the **Love** of Sin.
 - a. That it is necessary to believe is evident from **Mark 16:15-16**.
 - b. True faith will help to eliminate our love for sin.
 - c. Do we understand the implications of sin (**Heb. 6:6; Rom. 2:4; Psa. 119:104**).

2. The **Command to Repent** of our Sins addresses the **Practice** of sin.
 - a. The gospel clearly calls mankind to repent(**Acts 2:38; 17:30-31**).
 - b. Repent means "stop sinning"(**1 Cor. 6:9-11**).
3. The **Command to be Baptized** addresses the **State** of Sin.
 - a. Remember, outside of Christ our state is "dead in sin."
 - b. The gospel teaches baptism(**Mark 16:15-16; Matt. 28:18-20**).
 - c. Baptism changes our state(**Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3-4; 11**).
4. The **Promise of Remission** addresses the **Guilt** of Sin.
 - a. Remission of sins is promised to those who trust and obey(**Acts 2:38**).
 - b. Comfort for those who feel the burden(**2 Cor. 7:10; Matt. 11:28**).
5. The **Promise of Eternal Life** addresses the **Result of Sin**.
 - a. Our hope in the Lord(**Rom. 6:23**).
 - b. With Jesus and our loved ones(**1 Thess. 4:16-18**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. THE GOSPEL ADDRESSES THE PROBLEMS OF SIN.
- B. WE ARE ALL SINNERS.
- C. IF YOU RECEIVE THE GOSPEL, WHAT WILL YOU DO?(**Acts 2:41**).

"Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way." (Psa. 119:104)