

Sin and its Cure

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What is Sin?

1 Jn 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also The law: for sin is The transgression of The law.

The law broken can only be The one law in The New Testament: The Law of Love that Jesus gave and on which all other commands in The New Testament and The Mosaic Law are based in some way. The Law is as follows:

Jn 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

A disciple of Jesus keeping this law will not sin against God. It is when we break this law that we sin.

Sin has two components:

A lack of love or an indifference to a person

Incorrect stewardship in regards to the object or thing you are not showing love too.

To sin, you must knowingly break this law. What you do not know you cannot keep. What you do not understand you cannot keep. It is only as you understand something that you can deliberately break it as sin is rebellion against God and you cannot do that unknowingly and be held accountable for it.

You may have lack of peace in your heart from The Holy Spirit over something you are about to do. If you continue in it, sin may result, as God has told you through The Holy Spirit He was not happy with what you are doing and you still do it. This assumes that you were able to recognise that The Holy Spirit was behind your lack of peace and that He was trying to stop you sinning.

The spiritual consequences of Sin

Sin defiles

Mark 7:17 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.

Defilement pollutes the spirit so that the person cannot approach God as nothing defiled can enter The Kingdom of God

Eph 5:5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

The consequences of sin is eternal separation from God which is spiritual death.

Redemption

God had a problem (that is if God can ever have a problem). He had a mankind defiled by sin and if He forgave them they would still be defiled by the sin. So he had to find a way to remove sin and its defilement from mankind so they could enter The Kingdom of God and have the relationship they had with God back in the Garden before Adam sinned.

God solved this by sending Jesus to redeem us but much more than redeem us He also had Jesus take the sin we had from us by completely satisfying God's requirements to move its effects from us so that there were no longer any spiritual consequence of sin if we followed Jesus as Lord and Saviour!

1 Pet 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Acts 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

1 Cor 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

We are forgiven all our sins but it is more than just being forgiven. They are remitted. It is as if God considers we have never committed them because of our relationship with Jesus and The Father (Jn 17:23).

Whenever forgiveness is mention in connection with redemption or something similar the Greek word used is really *remission* not *forgiveness*. Why was the word *forgiveness* used? To show this type of forgiveness is unique and more than just forgiveness but that in the process of our redemption we are also in a sense forgiven.

Remember, that forgiveness does not remove the defilement of sin but remission removes the offence (sin) so that there is no defilement as sin is nor accounted to us and that means we can approach God and enter into a salvation relationship with Jesus and The Father (Jn 17:3) as a citizen of our Kingdom.

As Jesus is God He only needed to die once as His death covered all sin of everyone who has lived is living or will live as He is infinite and greater that time or eternity and so dealt with all sin in these lesser realms. But to be applied to them it must be appropriated by following

Jesus as Lord of their live.

Heb 7:27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

A sacrifice was required to redeem some one from the consequence of Sin and the Levitical Priests did these sacrifices Daily in The Temple at Jerusalem. Jesus only needed to do this once as He was God and was able to cover every sacrifice needed for sin.

2 Cor 5:15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Having had all our sins remitted so that we no longer are considered to have sinned do we need to ask for forgiveness of sins?

How can you ask forgiveness of something God says you do not have?

So what are we to do?

We are to thank god for our redemption and to repent of sin and try not to do it again.

You will not go to hell for wholeheartedly trying to obey what you know you need to and failing as long as you wholeheartedly repent and keep trying to do God's Will for you. God does not expect you to be perfect as we are human and will fail Him but we are to remember there are spiritual consequences if we do not try to obey Him. It is unrepented sin that will cause you to lose your salvation (Rev 3:5 through the rebellion of purposeful continuous disobedience to God). Sin that is repented of and which keeps reoccurring again means you have a need for deliverance not that you are evil (as long as you keep repenting and wholeheartedly trying to do His Will) as it is usually from something that happened before you became a Christian you did not deal with when you became one as you did not know it was there.

When we become a Christian our spirit is regenerated and cleansed but the soul still has the rubbish from our non-Christian attitudes in it.

Why do we Sin?

Sin results from a wrong focus on things (your perspective of a situation and not Gods) and a wrong perception of God's love in the situation so that you do what you want to do and not what God desires you to do. Remember that sin is breaking God's Law of love and this only happens when you deliberately desire the sin more than obedience to God. If that is the case then your love for Jesus is less than your love for yourself so you may need deliverance or the truth that will show you need to love Jesus more than your own desires.

God's guidelines are an expression of His Love so when you break His guidelines you are

breaking His Law of Love, which is an expression of who He is.

What are the consequences of Redemption?

Sin is remitted so there is no more guilt, shame or condemnation for it. We cannot have these for something God does not consider we have not done. We are free from these after Calvary so can concentrate on removing or stopping that which causes us to sin. Any of these attitudes of shame, guilt or condemnation we have now, comes from Satan and should be cast to The Throne of Grace for judgement and punishment in the Name of Jesus!

No one can place guilt, shame or condemnation on you also as Jesus alone is your judge and He alone has the right to condemn you and He does not but seeks to help you be the person you can be. The Holy Spirit will never cause you shame, guilt or condemnation but will convict you of something you are doing wrong.

2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

If you are wholeheartedly doing the work of Jesus (of The Kingdom of God) no one can criticise or condemn you for failing as you answer alone to Jesus and no one else and you have tried to do your best for Him and that is all that matters to Him. It is your heart attitude that matters to Jesus and not whether you succeed or fail. That is why we are not to look at past failings and dwell on our inadequacies in them but at what Jesus asks us to do as that will be how He will mould us to do better and succeed more in the things we do (because in His training program and strength we are adequate).

Luke 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

1 Sam 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

Satan will try and place fear in you of God and of your own ability and adequacy to serve Him but after Calvary these are easily dealt with by casting the demons behind these fears to The Throne of Grace, in Jesus Name, to be dealt with by Jesus.

Just remember, that after Calvary, God cannot see any sin in us to forgive so that all we need to do is repent and keep on trying wholeheartedly to obey Jesus in all we do and show His love in all we do.

Iniquity

You cannot inherit a sin from your father or mother but you can be in an environment they have created where you can learn the sin from them (iniquity).

Iniquity is an environment around us of evil where the tendency is for people in it to do things against the law of God. Demons inhabit this environment which is why so much evil can come from it. Having said that, the choice to sin is purely yours and not a result of the environment around you as the demons in it can be defeated.

James 1:4-15 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

The world (kingdom) of Satan is a place of iniquity so we need to be careful when we go to the places Satan rules!

Satan and Sin

While you are being tempted the sin is not a part of you as Satan is trying to get you to accept the sin and make it part of you. The Holy Spirit will show you that what Satan offers is sin and you will have no peace until you reject the sin or accept it. If you continue to reject The Promptings of The Holy Spirit not to do the sin you will sear your conscience so it no longer bothers you. The Sin will be come a part of your lifestyle and may even allow a demon to enter you because you have agreed to accept the lordship of Satan over this part of your life.

Sin is the results of Satan's attempts to control and mould your mind to do what he wants you to do. Sin is also abuse of stewardship turning something you have access to or contact with into an idol thus misusing your stewardship of the item. Anything put before God or His Purposes is an idol.

Sin is directly against God

Matt 25:40 says: And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

This verse is an enigma in some ways as it appears to refer to Jesus personally. But if the context of the statement is looked at then it is realized it is against the authority of Jesus.

This is said to all on that last judgment day when all are officially sent to their eternal rewards. So it is in a legal setting and not a relational setting that this statement is made.

They have sinned against God's Laws. The basis of all God's Laws is Love. Rejection of God's Laws are a rejection of His Love. Thus sin is an act against God's Love.

Repenting for Sin

Repentance (rejecting wrong things of the past) is the key to be delivered from the attacks of the kingdom of darkness. It is evidenced by turning away from the things of Satan to the things of God. It is an act of Lordship! Where you rejects Satan's attempts at you making him your lord.

In a sense this reprograms the mind and with the casting out of any demons gives instant freedom in the area(s) given to Jesus. Demons will then attack you in that area to try and convince you that you have not been delivered but the fact they have to try and get you to accept what they offer indicates you are either delivered from it and no longer have what they are trying to put back into you or need another associated area delivered. The Holy Spirit will tell you what you need to do.

If you have a love relationship with God, sin does not become evil just because you broke one of His laws. It becomes evil because you have broken God's Law of Love and hurt someone you love and who has shown so much Love to - Jesus. You have rejected what He says is right for you as well as rejecting Him by doing this!

Repentance should be a result of sorrow for having offended someone you love and not just to escape hell or the consequence of sin. You may be stuck with the physical consequences of sin but God promises that Jesus has dealt with all of our spiritual consequences at Calvary if we truly repent of our wrong ways and He will help us deal with the physical consequences of sin.

The single mother still has the baby but is cleansed from the sin that caused it when she repents.

Remember, in regards to salvation, all sins are equal in effect. Any sin, small or great, will cause you to go to hell if you do not follow Jesus as Lord and accept the salvation He offers you. The spiritual effects and physical effects of the various sins may be different but in regards to salvation any unrepented sin can send you to hell.

Sin is rebellion against a command or requirement of God.

Demons fell because they questioned God's right to rule them. Satan said:

Is 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

And his followers chose Him above God.

Rebellion in essence is doing what you want to do and ignoring what God wants you to do. It is you wanting to make your own rules instead of accepting those God has made for you.

You are replacing God's Kingdom with one of your own making.

This can be because of fear of God or because of hurts and pain that cause you to doubt God's Love or just desiring the things of Satan more than the things of God.

Sin may be the result of a coping mechanism for these hurts and not what the person actually wants to do. In cases like this deliverance is needed and will usually allow the person to be free from the incorrect sinful coping mechanisms.

How do we not sin

Jesus said to his enemies: "You do err, not knowing the Scriptures of the Power of God (The Holy Spirit)".

To many people today, The Holy Spirit is impersonal so reason is required to work out what God wants them to do. The church is powerless and the people in it fall into grave sin. Reason cannot help you defeat Satan. It only puts off the inevitable defeat and causes stress, illness (dis-ease) while trying to cope with the situation.

If people were taught how to hear The Holy Spirit so they could be led by Him the church would be a different place. They would be shown by The Holy Spirit how to live to avoid sin instead of having to reason it out for themselves. He would guide them how to show God's Love to all and by this fulfil the Law of Love and thus not sin.

The Effects of Sin

Sin is a vague term. All it means in The Bible is to fall short of God's requirements.

It is the continuance of sin that is the problem.

If you sin and repent immediately and try not to repeat the sin in future, little damage is done. You may need Kingdom Deliverance but the effects are minimal as all the guilt, condemnation and shame was dealt with at Calvary and all sin was forgiven there. The requirement is you must Have Jesus as Lord and be a citizen of His Kingdom, not just one who states that they follow Him but do not serve Him as person would serve their king. There may still be physical consequences to deal with (pregnancy, injury, sickness, damaged relationships etc.) but Jesus can heal those and make pregnancy a joy to the unmarried mother.

What happens if sin is not repented of?

It modifies your behaviour

It causes illness

It removes the area from the protection of Jesus so Satan can attack you in that area

If deliberately unrepented of can lose you your salvation

A few comments on the last point. Salvation is a relationship with Jesus and the Father. If you reject their relationship to you by rejecting their authority over you (which is what not repenting of known sin is) you reject the relationship with Jesus as Lord and Saviour. All are appointed to have Salvation (God desires all saved) but only those that accepted Jesus and work at the relationship (or as Paul puts it 'work out your salvation') and develop it positively, will have eternal life.

To get into heaven you must be a citizen of it at the time of death. You can lose this citizenship at any time by rejecting the authority of Jesus and the rules of His Kingdom and knowingly following his enemy (who will be disguised as something else; a cult leader, new age power, pleasure, true love etc., so you do not realise Satan is behind the organisation).

Salvation is a relationship that is based on Love and obedience to Jesus our Ruler and Lord, and The Father. This is developed and only knowingly unrepented sin stops this. Unknown sin just slows us down and makes the progress a little harder.

God's Discipline

God loves us as his children so when we sin (fall short of His requirements) He does not punish us by destroying us as we deserve. We are not under The Mosaic Law but under God's Grace, the expression of His love to us!

We suffer the consequences of our actions, and His Love, as a parent is reflected in His healing us of the consequences of our action.

Sin is a spiritual sickness reflecting a mental problem (a wrong attitude to the things of God) and is reflected in our personality and later in our physical body (if not dealt with). God knows this and tries to heal us but we must repent (turn away from the wrong thing,) and seek Him and His Will in the area we are failing in. He then will heal the hurts as a loving parent does when their child comes to them in pain but it will be in His timing for His Purposes.

Trials are God's ways of trying to get us to draw closer to Him and mould us into His Image as well as (repent of) change the wrong things we are doing.

As a loving Father He has compassion on His children and this applies especially to those who repent in their heart from their sin.

Perhaps we would sin less if we realised that watching us sin is:

God

Recording Angel

Guardian Angel

Other angels on a specific assignement

Demons

People in heaven

Anyone we have offended on earth.

Think you got away with a sin? Think again!