

HOW BAD IS SIN?

The word sin means to miss the mark. The person that sins will find himself out of relationship with God. In Romans 3:23 we read: “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” Sin is a transgression (violation) of God’s law. “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4).

How does the Bible regard sin?

Sin is bad because it is considered as a dirty garment.

In Revelation 3:4 John writes: “Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.” In Matthew 23:27 Jesus said of the scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, “for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men’s bones, and of all uncleanness.”

Sin is bad because it separates one from God.

Isaiah 59:1-2 says, “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear; But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.” Sins keeps man from enjoying spiritual blessings which are found in Christ Jesus our Lord. “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (Eph. 1:3).

Sin is bad because it appears to be right when it is wrong.

Sin is likened unto the whole body being sick. In Isaiah 1:6, Isaiah, the son of Amoz, described the sins of Israel, “From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.”

Sin is bad because it brings misery and suffering.

For example, look at David’s sin with Bathsheba and the suffering that followed. After David found out that Bathsheba was with child he tried to cover his sin (2 Sam. 11). He summoned her husband, Uriah, home from war, but Uriah refused to go to his own house. Instead, he slept at the gates of the king’s house before returning to the battle. David sent him back to the battle with orders that led to his untimely but certain death. David had committed another sin — murder.

David’s sin brought suffering and misery to his own life and the lives of others. In 2 Samuel 12:10-14, God said through Nathan the prophet:

“Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbor, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.”

Not only did David’s sin bring suffering and misery to himself and others, but to his children and generations to come. Sin is bad because it harms and destroys everything in its path.

Sin is bad because it ends in eternal punishment.

In Romans 6:23 Paul says, “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ

our Lord.” In James 1:13-15 we see how man is tempted: “Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived it bringeth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”

It is not God’s will that anyone die in sin. 2 Peter 3:9 says: “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” It is not God’s will that mankind suffer the misery and agony that sin brings in his life. Our own actions are what brings sin into our life.

It is man’s obedience to the commands of God that frees him from sin. Jesus said:

BELIEVE – “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins” (John 8:24).

REPENT – “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3).

CONFESS – “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 10:32).

BE BAPTIZED – “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16).

BE FAITHFUL – “...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Rev. 2:10b).

Kenneth McClain *adapted from* ***The Encourager***

Spring Gospel Meeting

“Grave and Eternal Matters”

April 26-30, 2009

Randy Carr of Belle, MO

BIRTHDAYS

John Dodson, 04-07; Bo Marcum, 04-08.

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Sunday: Chris Edwards (AM); Ralph Franklin (AM); Verna Hanson (AM); Joy Parish; Millie Robertson; Tom Tucker. **Wednesday:** Millie Robertson.

Tom Tucker continues to have difficulties with his leg. Millie Robertson is scheduled for surgery April 22.

Those battling cancer: Ledgia Campbell, Vic Cuney; Betty James and Cleo Stone. Please remember these in your prayers.

HOME BOUND

Kathleen Camp is in Room 101 at the Royal Terrace Nursing Home in Olathe. Marion Stone is at home. Barbara James' aunt, Evelyn Marquardt is at the Sweet Life of Rosehill in Shawnee. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

OUT OF TOWN

Steve and Robin Brown were away on business last Sunday.

POT LUCK DINNER

Our monthly Pot Luck Dinner will be held this Sunday, April 5, following our AM worship. Come and enjoy the good food and company!

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

Our Monthly Men's Business meeting will be held next Sunday, April 12 following our AM worship. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

There are several Gospel Meetings in our area over the next few weeks. See the flyers in the foyer for details and take advantage of these opportunities to hear the Word!

ATTENDANCE

Sunday AM, 37; Sunday PM, 33; Wednesday PM, 34.

Those To Serve

April 5, 2009

BUILDING AND COMMUNION..... Thrasher

MORNING WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS..... George Thomas
SONG LEADER..... Trent Thrasher
OPENING PRAYER Steve Brown
PRESIDE..... Jared Nelson
ASSIST..... Jeff Nemechek
ASSIST..... Dave Parish
CLOSING PRAYER..... John Cody Carter

EVENING WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER Joel Nelson
CLOSING PRAYER..... John Dodson
LORD'S SUPPER..... Jared Nelson

WEDNESDAY 8th

SONG LEADER..... John Cody Carter
INVITATION Steve Brown

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

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