


Sin


Isaiah 59:1-2

What It Is & What It Does!



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What Sin Is!



- **“...the transgression of the law...”**
 - 1 John 3:4
- **“All unrighteousness”**
 - 1 John 5:17
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 - Romans 14:23
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 - James 4:17

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What Sin Does!



- **Sin HARDENS and DECEIVES!**
 - Hebrews 3:12-13
 - **HARDEN** = to render stubborn
 - Deuteronomy 21:18-21
 - Acts 7:51-52
 - **DECEIVE** = deluded, to mislead the mind or judgment of
 - 1 Corinthians 6:9; 15:33; Galatians 6:7; 2 Timothy 3:13

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What Sin Does!



- **Sin LADENS!**
 - **LADEN** = load, burden, overcome by anxiety
 - Matthew 11:28-29
 - Sin burdens those involved and innocent people!
 - It cause unnecessary loads in life:
 - Shame!
 - Health problems!
 - Destroys peace and harmony, unity, families and marriages!
 - Brings burdens on the church!
 - Souls!
 - Ezekiel 18:4, 20

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What Sin Does!



- **Sin HOLDS!**
 - Proverbs 5:22
 - It is a powerful force that holds hostage:
 - 1 Timothy 6:9
 - Many are held hostage to:
 - Drug & alcohol addiction!
 - Sexual immorality!
 - Gambling!
 - Pornography!
 - Political “correctness”!
 - False doctrine and teachers!
 - Matthew 7:15-16; 1 Timothy 4:1-7; 2 Timothy 3:1-6

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What Sin Does!



- **Sin RULES!**
 - John 8:34; 2 Peter 2:17-19; Romans 6:4-18
 - Many let sin rule them!
 - They serve it!
 - They are controlled by it!
 - They teach, promote and live in it!
- **We must be servants of God!**
 - Romans 6:20-23

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What Sin Does!

- **Sin OVERTAKES!**

- Galatians 6:1-2
- **Overtaken** = caught, taken before he is aware, seized on without warning
- Must try to support the fallen brother!
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:14
 - Romans 15:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15; James 5:19-20

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What Sin Does!

- **Sin CONSUMES!**

- Numbers 16:26
- **Consume** = to waste, to spend, come to ruin, perish, to destroy!
- We can be consumed by bitterness!
 - Galatians 5:15; 1 Corinthians 3:1-3
- Can be consumed with lusts of the flesh!
 - James 4:1-3
 - If so, we are an enemy of God – James 4:4

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What Sin Does!

- **Sin DESTROYS LOVE!**

- Matthew 24:11-12
- The love for God to wanes!
 - Because of persecution – verse 10
 - Because of false teachers – verse 11
 - Because of apathy – verse 12
- Love for family, friends and loved ones fades!
- Love for the Truth is lost!
 - John 8:31-36, 44; 2 Thessalonians 2:10ff
- Galatians – Galatians 1:6ff; 5:4-7

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What Sin Does!

- **Sin DESTROYS THE CONSCIENCE!**

- 1 Timothy 4:2
- **Conscience defined...**
 1. The inner sense of what is right or wrong in one's conduct or motives, impelling one toward right action: *to follow the dictates of conscience.*
- **To violate your conscience is sinful!**
 - I John 3:20; Romans 14:23; Titus 1:15
- **Continual violation of conscience will result in destroying it!**

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What Sin Does!

- **Sin brings SHAME & REPROACH!**

- Hosea 4:7
- On nations!
 - Proverbs 14:34
- On families!
 - Proverbs 19:26-27; 28:7
- On a good name!
 - Proverbs 22:1
- On the Lord's church!
 - 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

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What Sin Does!

- **Sin brings DEATH!**

- Romans 6:23
- This has been so from the beginning!
 - Genesis 2:16-17; cf. Genesis 3:1-19
- Christ warned those of His day!
 - John 8:21-24

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Conclusion

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- **HARDENS & DECEIVES!**
- **LADENS!**
- **HOLDS!**
- **RULES!**
- **OVERTAKES!**
- **CONSUMES!**
- **DESTROYES LOVE!**
- **DESTROYS THE CONSCIENCE!**
- **BRINGS SHAME & REPROACH!**
- **BRINGS DEATH!**

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Sin Will...

- **Take you farther than you wanted or intended to go!**
- **Keep you longer than you wanted to stay!**
- **Cost you more than you wanted to pay!**

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1 John 1:7-10

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses 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.”

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1 John 2:1-3

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that you may not sin. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. And hereby we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.”

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The Divine Remedy For Sin:



- **Those outside of Christ must...**

- Hear the Gospel – Romans 10:17; 1:16
- Believe – John 5:24
- Repent – Luke 13:3
- Confess Christ - Acts 8:37
- Be baptized in water – Mark16:16



- **Erring children of God must...**

- Repent and Pray - Acts 8:22

- **And live faithfully unto death – Revelation 2:10**

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