**What is Sin in your Life?**

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As we go through this teaching today, please do not turn it off because you are feeling guilty or hopeless. At the end of this teaching, I will give you the hope and assurance in Jesus Christ that you need to spiritually wash your sins away. We will be learning about sin from the Old and New Testament of the Bible.

Teaching

The Apostle Paul, says in Romans 3:23 that *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

So to define what sin is, it is simply falling short of the glory of God. To make it clearer, it means to miss the Mark or Standard as set and established by God and this standard is seen through His son Jesus Christ.

Today, We live in a world where the concept of sin has become entangled in legalistic arguments over right and wrong.

Even when many of us Christians consider "What is sin?" we think of breaking the Ten Commandments. Even then, we tend to think of fornication, murder and adultery as the "major" sins compared with lying, cursing, or idolatry but in effect, anything short of God’s standard is SIN.

To Further Elaborate, let’s look at the following points.

**Sin is a violation of conscience - Romans 14:23 says:**

“But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.”

This passage is teaching us that we must be fully persuaded that what we are doing is lawful; otherwise, to act, is to sin. Thus we also see that our actions are not to be based on what “the crowd thinks” or “what others do”

We must believe a thing to be right. Our conscience is that moral nature about us that reacts favorably or unfavorably, sanctions or disapproves, as we react to the things we think, say or do.

**Sin is knowing to do good, but doing it not - James 4:17 says:**

“Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”

This verse emphasizes the fact that sin is not only wrong doing, it is a failure in doing right, failing to do good. We are not only to be innocent of doing bad, we are to be followers and doers of good as well

James 4:17 presents unto us the sin of unused knowledge, the failure to do what we know is right, the sin of knowing how to live right and not doing it.

**Sin is a violation of God’s law** **– In 1 John 3:4 it states:**

“Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.”

Sin is breaking God’s law. For example:

* God tells us not to lie in Ephesian 4:25 – to lie is a sin
* God’s law tells us not to forsake the assembly of the Saints in Hebrews 10:25) – to do so is a sin

**Sin is a failure to keep God’s commands - Psalm 119:172 tells us that God’s commands are righteousness.**

“My tongue shall speak of Your word, For all Your commandments are righteousness.”

Thus, those who obey God’s commands are righteous, but those who do not obey God’s commands are unrighteous

Paul, however, puts this in perspective in Romans 3:20, when he says, *"Therefore no one will be declared righteous in His sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin."*

God wanted us to recognize our sins. Even those who have not murdered or committed adultery will find themselves convicted of lying, or of worshipping false idols like wealth or power ahead of God.

Tragically, sin in any amount will separate and distance us from God.

*"Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear,"* says Isaiah 59:1-2.*"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear."*

We must resist the temptation to act as if we are righteous, especially by leaning on our good works.

*"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives"* (1 John 1:8-10).

With this in view, it makes no sense comparing ourselves to one another (2 Corinthians 10:12 “For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.” NKJV‬‬) and scoring ourselves since the standard is no one else except Jesus Christ.

It is only in Jesus Christ that we meet the standard as set by God and through no effort of ours - but the gift of God

Salvation Message

Is your heart burdened because of the sin in your life? Do you lack the peace in your life that you desire? Turn away from your sin, pray to your Heavenly Father and ask Him for forgiveness. Believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ that Jesus died on the cross for your sins, he was buried and he arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven. In the book of John, Chapter 3, verse 16, it says, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Pastor Prayer

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