



The Weight of Sin

Matthew 18:5-9



Matthew 18:5-7

Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!




Matthew 18:8-9

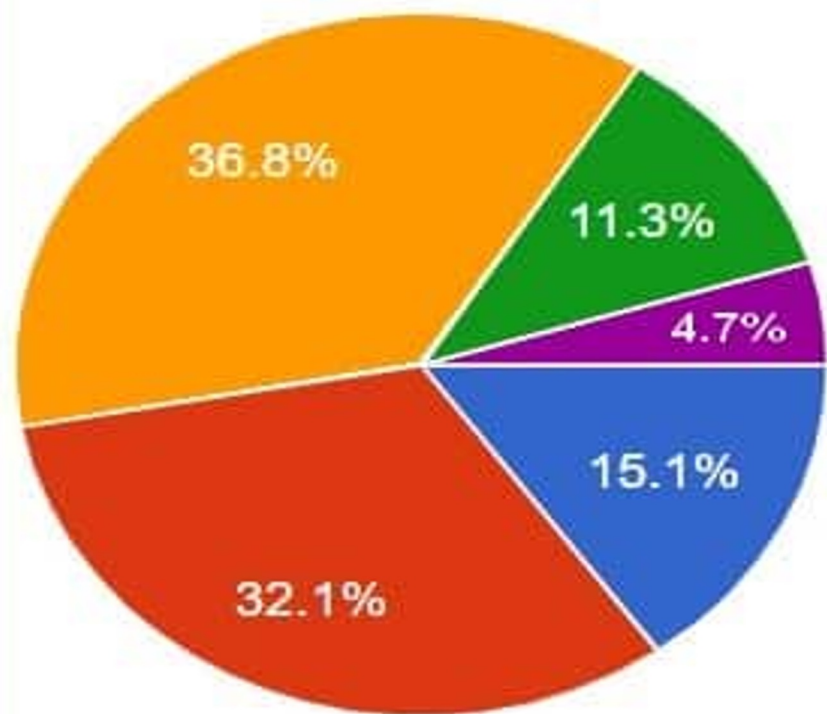
And if your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.



4 Truths

1. Children are important to Jesus
 2. Temptations will come
 3. Sin is serious
 4. Hell is a real place
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At what age did you accept Christ?



- Age 6 or younger
- Age 7-11
- Age 12-19
- Age 20 - 29
- After age 30

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Children are Important to Jesus

- Reading the Bible several times a week.
- Taking part in a service project or church mission trip as a family.
- Sharing their faith with unbelievers.
- Encouraging teenagers to serve in church.
- Asking forgiveness when they messed up as parents.
- Encouraging their children's unique talents and interests.
- Taking annual family vacations.
- Attending churches with teaching that emphasized what the Bible says.
- Teaching their children to tithe.



Temptations Will Come

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

OUR SAVIOR WAS TEMPTED



Temptations Will Come

James 1:13-14

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

TEMPTATIONS COME FROM OUR DESIRES



Temptations Will Come

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

WE CAN ESCAPE OUR TEMPTATIONS



Overcome Temptations

KNOW YOUR
WEAKNESSES

HAVE AN
ESCAPE PLAN

KEEP AN
ACCOUNTABILITY
PARTNER

TRUST THE WORD OF GOD





Sin is Serious

Romans 14:20-21

Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.



Sin is Serious

1 Corinthians 8:9-13

But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brothers stumble.



Sin is Serious

Matthew 5:27-30

“You have heard it was said, ‘ You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.



Sin is Serious

Colossians 3:5-8

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

More Americans believe in heaven than in hell

% of U.S. adults who say they believe in ...

	Heaven	Hell
	%	%
All U.S. adults	73	62
Christian	92	79



Hell is a Real Place

- The eternal fire and hell of fire
 - Matthew 5:29-30; 18:8-9
- Fiery furnace and weeping and gnashing of teeth
 - Matthew 13:41-42, 49-50
- Eternal fire and eternal punishment
 - Matthew 25:41, 46



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