

Life Over Death

Sin Removed

Are We All Sinners?

It is true that we are all sinners by nature and choice, and all of us have fallen short of God's perfect measure. But why is that? And how do we gain victory over our sin?

Why Are We Sinners?

Sin entered the human race, bringing condemnation and death to us all, through the first man Adam. God has revealed this to us in Romans 5:12-21.

Born in Adam

“¹² When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned... ¹⁶ For Adam’s sin led to condemnation... ¹⁸ Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone... ¹⁹ Because one person disobeyed God... ²¹ sin ruled over all people and brought them to death...”

Born Again in Christ Jesus

¹⁵ But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ... ¹⁶ God's free gift leads to our being made right with God... ¹⁷ But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ... ²¹ now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What is My Sin?

The New Testament uses 4 words to describe our sin.

1. “Hamartia” the most common word, means to ‘miss the mark.’ It refers to our falling short and wrongdoing.
2. “Paraptoma” means ‘to trespass,’ and refers to us breaking God’s law, even unintentionally.

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3. “Parabasis” refers to our disobedience with evil intent, defiantly choosing to resist God.

4. “Asebeias” means ungodliness, and refers to an active character of rebellion as if we were our own God.

Sin Substitutes Self for God

“The heart of all this evil is idolatry itself. It is the de-godding of God. It is the creature swinging his puny fist in the face of his Maker and saying, in effect, “If you do not see things my way, I’ll be my own god!” Small wonder that the sin most frequently said to arouse God’s wrath is idolatry- that which dethrones God.” D. A. Carson

Sin Substitutes Things for God

“The pronouns ‘my’ and ‘mine’ look innocent enough in print, but their constant and universal use is significant. They express the old Adamic nature better than a thousand volumes of theology could ever do. They are verbal symptoms of our deep disease. God’s gifts now take the place of God, and the whole course of nature is upset by the monstrous substitution.” A.W. Tozer

Our Victory Over Sin

We are clearly sinners by nature and choice, so how do we overcome our sin? Behavioral change alone will not address our underlying problem, instead, we must be regenerated, made new by God.

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1. The justice of God must be satisfied and our debt for sin must be paid. Jesus substituted Himself for our sin, dying in our place. Our sin is paid for.
2. We must have a new heart and nature! 2 Corinthians 5:17, "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

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3. We must live in a new direction, following Jesus. 2 Corinthians 3:18, “So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.”

New Life

Romans 6:12-14

¹² Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires.
¹³ Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. ¹⁴ Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.