

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE 10-18-15
SERIES: THAT'S IT I QUIT
WEEK #3: I QUIT EXCUSING SIN

WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL WITH SIN:

1. SIN is the opposite of God's nature

Psalm 5:4 (ESV)

4 For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

2. SIN separates us from Him

Isaiah 59:2 (ESV)

2 but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

3. SIN is a burden of Guilt and shame

Psalm 38:4 (ESV)

4 For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

4. SIN leads to death

James 1:14-15 (ESV)

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

1 Peter 2:24 (ESV)

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

QUIT MAKING EXCUSES FOR SIN, INSTEAD

1. Be Brutally Honest

Proverbs 28:13 (NLT)

*13 People who **conceal** their **sins** will not prosper, but if they **confess** and **turn from** them, they will receive mercy.*

Psalm 139:23-24 (ESV)

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! 24 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

2. Turn from your Sin

Revelation 3:19 (ESV)

*19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and **repent**.*

Colossians 3:5 (ESV)

*5 **Put to death** therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.*

3. Pursue Righteousness Instead

2 Timothy 2:22 (ESV)

*22 So **flee** youthful passions and **pursue** righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.*

"GOD, Instead of making excuses, I want what you want for my life!"

"That's it; I quit Making excuses for Sin!"