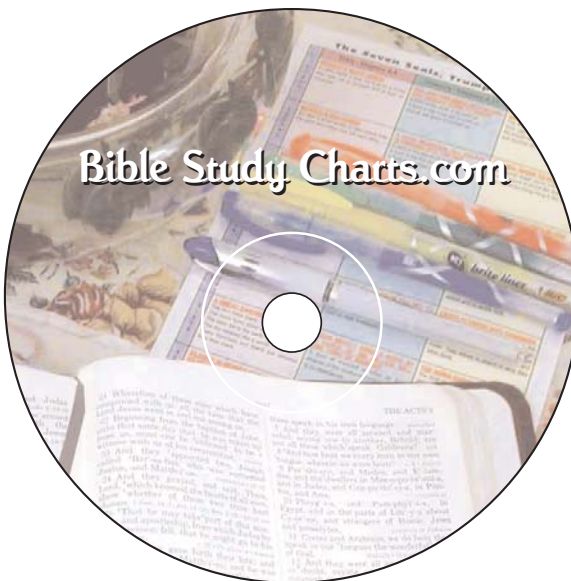


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Sin

I. THE ORIGIN OF SIN

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Jude 1:6.

The origin of sin is one of the mysteries of the Bible. The secret things belong unto the Lord our God (Duet.29:29). Its origin is one of the secret things that will remain wrapped in obscurity. Sin is first noted in the heart of Satan. He was created a perfect being... "till iniquity was found in thee" (Ezek. 28:11-19). Satan fell from perfection when he exerted his will above the will of God. Five times he said, "I will" (Isaiah 14:12-17). It was his will over God's will – this is sin....

II. WHAT IS SIN?

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 1 John 3:4

It is impossible to deny the existence of sin, when the whole world is in conflict between good and evil. To some sin is being indiscreet, or it is a weakness of the flesh. To others, it is the absence of good. To the so-called scholar, sin is ignorance, and to the evolutionist, it is the nature of the beast. The latest theory is that sin is a disease to be treated by science, because man is not a sinner—he is only sick. To others sin is a form of selfishness, but God declares that:

1. Sin is transgression of the law (1 John 3:4).
2. Sin is coming short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).
3. Sin is rebellion against God (Isaiah 1:2).
4. Sin is unbelief; it makes God a liar (1 John 5:10).
5. Sin is going your own way without seeking the will of God (Isaiah 53:6).
6. All unrighteousness is sin (1 John 5:17).

Sin is a folly to deceive you, a force to destroy you and a fact to condemn you. Sin is a voluntary act of disobedience against the revealed will of God.

III. HOW SIN ENTERED INTO THE WORLD

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Romans 5:12

The fall of man is found in Genesis 3:1-24. When Adam sinned, his seed became corrupt (1 Peter 1:23). Therefore we are sinners, because we are born in sin (Ps. 51:5). You do not have to teach children to be bad, but you do have to teach them to be good. You don't have to teach them to lie, but you do have to teach them to tell the truth. "Therefore as by the offense of one (Adam) judgement came unto all men to condemnation" (Rom. 5:18). According to the word of God, all men are judged sinners, all are condemned already (John 3:18). "All have sinned (Rom. 3:23). Sin entered the world through our first parents in the Garden of Eden, "and all have sinned" because all are sinners. Man sins by choice, because he is a sinner by nature. Therefore, the dominion sin has over you is according to the delight you have in it.

IV. THE RESULTS OF SIN

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins. Ephesians 2:1

“The wages of sin is death.” As a result of man’s sin, there are three deaths.

1. The wages of sin is spiritual death. Just as sin separates man from God spiritually and drove him from the presence of God out of the Garden, so sin will separate you from God (Isaiah 59:1,2). The only way back to God is to confess your sins to Him (1 John 1:9), and forsake your sins (Isaiah 55:7), that you may be restored to fellowship with God.
2. The wages of sin is physical death. Physical death is a result of sin. Death had no claim on man until man sinned. Now all die, because all are in sin. Death is universal, and since we have a universal effect, we must have a universal cause, and that cause is sin. All men die - the good and the bad - the young and the old - and man will continue to die until death is destroyed by the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:26), and is swallowed up in victory (1 Cor. 15:54-57).
3. The wages of sin is eternal death. “The soul that sinneth, it shall die (Ezek.18:20). This is eternal separation from the love of God (Rev. 20:14). Once the soul passes beyond the portal of hell he is lost and lost forever. He will continue to exist, but without hope. He is damned and damned to all eternity. Eternal death is eternal separation from God (Luke 16:19-31).

Keep in mind that death does not annihilate; it only separates. In the Garden of Eden, it separated man from God spiritually, this is spiritual death. In natural death, it separates the spirit and the soul from the body; this is physical death. In final death, it separates man from the mercy of God forever; this is eternal death.

V. GOD’S REMEDY FOR SIN

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Man, not willing to accept God’s remedy for his ruin, strives to bring about his own salvation by human means..

1. He strives for self-righteousness, when he needs to be made the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21).
2. He strives to reform, when he needs to be regenerated (Titus 3:5).
3. He strives to turn over a new leaf, when he needs a new life (John 10:10).
4. He strives to be justified by the law, when he needs to be justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Gal. 2:16).
5. He strives to clean up the old man, when he needs to be made a new man in Christ (Eph. 4:24).
6. He strives to be saved by good works, when he needs salvation by the grace of God (Eph. 2:8,9).

The only remedy for the sin of man is the Son of God, being made sin for us on the cross. The only way to receive this remedy is by faith in Him as personal Saviour (John 20:30,31).