

SIN! continued

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Sin, four scriptural definitions:

I Jn. 5:17 "All unrighteousness [a-dikia, without+right] is sin..." 266

Rom. 14:23 "whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

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I Jn. 3:4 "sin is lawlessness" A violation of divine law in thought or in act. 266

Jam. 4:17 "to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." 266

We found that wrong doing is sin, but not all people think of it as such. They can easily think of wrong doing in relation to man with no consideration of God. Sin is a religious word, it relates to violating something concerning God, such as a commandment of God.

What or who tells us what sin is? God! His word, His law, the conscience He gives man.

Of course we start learning right from wrong from our parents and it should be part of all education, but it is not a part of the ungodly education of our present public schools.

The laws of ones country also tell us what is right and wrong, and of course should be in accordance with the Word of God.

Problem today: Jesus said, "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Mt. 24:12). And in John 14:21, Jesus said, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." Also, "He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me" (v. 24).

Therefore, since the spirit of lawlessness is being allowed to come forth, the love of many is becoming cold and therefore sin is increasing. Leaders are also falling into the trap and getting soft on sin and the people will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts are heaping to themselves teachers, having itching ears (II Tim. 4:3).

So, sin is abounding more and more, but praise God, where sin abounds, the grace of God abounds even more (Rom. 5:29). And "the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, disciplining us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, and righteously, and godly in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all lawlessness, and purify unto Himself a people for His own possession, zealous of good works" (Tit. 2:11-14).

Jesus said, "as it was in the days of Noah and Lot, so shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." They were eating, drinking, "they married wives,

they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all" (Lk. 17:26-30; Mt.24:37-39).

Now, Noah was a preacher of righteousness (II Pet. 2:5; *2:1-3:18), and therefore there will be a revival of the preaching of righteousness before the coming of the Lord!

I John 2:15-17 says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." (Gen.3 with Satan, Adam, & Eve; & Mt. 4 with Jesus & Satan) Then he goes on to talk about "many antichrists." *

Jude speaks particularly prophetically of our day when he says, "Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam, for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core" (Jude :11). And then follows a description that sounds like a political convention that I heard not too long ago, and the campaign we are now engaged in!

Sin of Cain: religious lukewarmness, hatred, murder. (Genesis 4)

Sin of Balaam: greed. (Numbers 22-24)

Sin of Korah: rebellion, murmuring. (Numbers 16-17)

Sins:

Television, movies, books, magazines, and pornography:

"I have made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?" And then he warns us of the consequential judgement. (Job 31:1-12)

"I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes" (Psa. 101:2-3).

"Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way" (Psa. 119:37).

"Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it" (Deut. 7:26).

Sex: I Thes. 4:1-8; I Cor. 6:9-20; Mt. 15:19-20; Rev. 22:15-16

Violence: Gen. 6:11-13 "The earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence."

Bad ethics = unprincipled people. II Peter 2: 7 (2:1 - 3:18)

Greed, covetousness: =Idolatry (Eph.5:3,5) Ans.: Giving, tithing, alms. (Gal. 6:6-10)

Worldliness: "Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between that which is holy and profane,

neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them" (Eze. 22:26).

Sin of Esau: profaneness (Heb. 12:16)

Profane: Webster's 1828 Dictionary: a. "Irreverent to any thing sacred." "Not sacred; secular." "Profane is used chiefly in Scripture in opposition to *holy*." v.t. "To violate anything sacred, or treat it with abuse, irreverence, obloquy or contempt." "To pollute; to defile; to apply to temporal [common] uses."

Drunkenness: I Cor. 6:9-10

Gluttony: Mt. 24:38; Lk. 21:34 Surfeiting: "The act of feeding to excess; gluttony." Hearts "overcharged with surfeiting, drunkenness, and cares of this life." (+Lk. 8:4-15)

Answers:

Holy Living! Those born of God do not practice sin (I Jn. 3:9).

Being filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18).

Fasting and Prayer; Giving! (Mt. 6).

Reading, Studying, Eating the Word, so that His Word is abiding in you (Jn. 15:7).

Walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfill the desires of the flesh (Gal. 5:16; 13-26).

Walk in love, filled with the Spirit, singing, praising, and thanking the Lord, submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ (Eph. 5:2-21).

Consecration and complete Dedication to the Lord, spirit, soul, and body (I Thes. 5:23; Rom. 12:1-2).

Books:

"The Believer's Secret of Holiness" by Andrew Murray

"Love Not the World" by Watchman Nee

"A Woman's Dress" by John Rothacker

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