

RETHINKING THE PROBLEM OF SIN

Rethinking Your Life
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DEFINITION: WHAT IS IT?

- SIN IS** _____
"Everything he does is good and fair; all his orders can be trusted."
 Psalm 111:7 (NCV)
"It's impossible for God to do anything evil; no way can the Mighty One do wrong."
 Job 34:10 (MSG)
- SIN IS** _____
 Jesus: *"Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold."*
 Matthew 24:12 (NLT)
- SIN IS ALWAYS** _____
"Wherever jealousy and selfishness are, there will be confusion and every kind of evil." James 3:16 (NCV)

- SIN IS ALWAYS** _____
 Jesus: *"The world's sin is unbelief in me."* John 16:9 (TLB)
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| Examples: Anytime I am . . . | I show my unbelief in . . . |
| Fearful or Anxious | GOD'S _____ |
| Impatient | GOD'S _____ |
| Resentful or Bitter | GOD'S _____ |
| Carrying Guilt | GOD'S _____ |
| Feeling Inadequate | GOD'S _____ |

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH SIN?

- I WAS BORN WITH** _____
"Sin rules me as if I were its slave. I do not understand the things I do. I do not do what I want to do, and I do the things I hate . . . I am not really the one who is doing these hated things; it is sin living in me . . . I see another law working in my body, which makes war against the law that my mind accepts."
 Romans 7:14-15, 17, 23 (NCV)

- SIN BREAKS** _____

"Your sins are the roadblock between you and your God. That's why he doesn't answer your prayers or let you see his face." Isaiah 59:2 (CEV)

- EVERYTIME I SIN,** _____
"Our desires make us sin, and when sin is finished with us, it leaves us dead."
 James 1:15 (CEV)

- MY SIN MAY BE A SECRET BUT** _____
"You may be sure that your sin will find you out." Numbers 32:23 (NIV)

- SIN** _____
"Make no mistake about this: You can never make a fool out of God. Whatever you plant is what you'll harvest. If you plant in the soil of your corrupt nature, you will harvest destruction. But if you plant in the soil of your spiritual nature, you will harvest everlasting life." Galatians 6:7-8 (GW)

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- "A fool's fun is in being bad."* Proverbs 10:23 (TLB)

"Doing wrong is like a joke to a fool." Proverbs 10:23 (ESV)

"Because of your stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. He will judge everyone according to what they have done. He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness." Romans 2:5-8 (NLT)

HOW DO I BREAK FREE?

- UNDERSTAND** _____
"He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right." 1 Peter 2:24 (NLT)

"Although he was crucified in weakness, he now lives by the power of God. We, too, are weak, just as Christ was, but when we deal with you we will be alive with him and will have God's power." 2 Corinthians 13:4 (NLT)

- LET GOD GIVE ME** _____
"Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is them." 1 John 3:9 (NLT)

"You are controlled by your new nature if you have the Spirit of God living in you."

3. CHANGE THE WAY _____

“Yes, when Christ died, he died to defeat the power of sin one time—enough for all time. He now has a new life, and his new life is with God. In the same way, you should see yourselves as being dead to the power of sin and alive with God through Christ Jesus.” Romans 6:10-11 (NCV)

“Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. 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.”

Romans 6:12-13 (NLT)

4. CHALLENGE _____ BEHIND EVERY TEMPTATION

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