

Why is sin a serious offense to God?

Romans 1:20: "For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made, so that they are without excuse."

1 Thessalonians 4:7: "God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness."

As such:

Romans 1:18-19: "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them."

Philippians 3:18-19: "Many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things."

James 4:4: "Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

Therefore:

Colossians 3:5-6: "Put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience."

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“I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”

2 Corinthians 11:3

Why must we be watchful so we are not deceived by the world and its false prophets?

2 Peter 2:1: “There were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction.”

2 Peter 2:2-3: “And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.”

What’s more?

Proverbs 14:12: “There is a way *that seems* right to a man, but its end *is* the way of death.”

1 John 1:8-9: “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Therefore:

1 Corinthians 6:9: “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?”

Galatians 6:7-8: “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

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Why must we reject the temptations of the world?

James 1:14-16: “Each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”

As such:

Romans 6:16: “Don’t you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.”

Matthew 7:22-23: “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

What’s more?

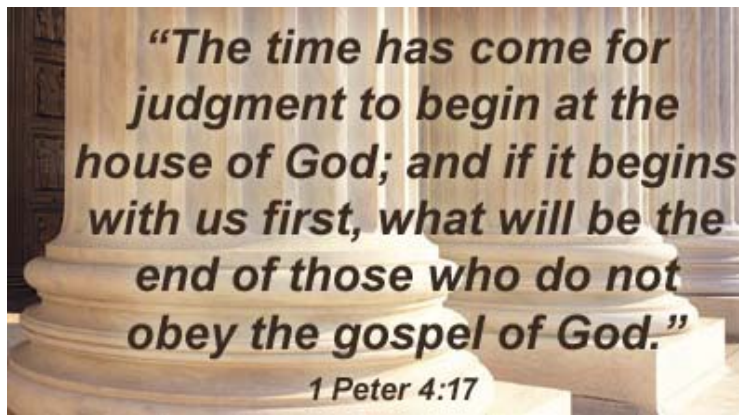
1 Corinthians 10:13: “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

Therefore:

Matthew 10:28: “Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

Do I steadfastly strive to live righteously in Christ, and reject temptations to sin?

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What can we expect if we willfully continue in sin after pledging to follow Christ?

Hebrews 10:26-27: "If we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment."

Why?

Romans 6:22-23: "Having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

What's more?

Hebrews 4:13: "There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account."

2 Corinthians 5:10: "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

Matthew 25:41: "He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'"

Therefore:

Colossians 3:5: "Put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry."

Ephesians 4:17: "You must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds."

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What is the core path to follow if we are to inherit eternal life in the Kingdom of God?

John 3:16: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

As such Jesus said:

John 8:12: "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

The purpose being:

2 Corinthians 5:21: "He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

1 Peter 2:24: "He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness."

What's more?

Matthew 5:8-10: "Blessed *are* the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed *are* the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Therefore:

Luke 10:27: "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

1 John 3:3: "Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."

How?

Galatians 5:16: "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

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How convicting was Jesus in illustrating the seriousness of rejecting sin?

Mark 9:43: "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off."

Mark 9:45: "And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off."

Mark 9:47: "And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out."

Why?

1 John 1:6-7: "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

Therefore:

Romans 6:4: "We were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

How?

Galatians 2:20: I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

1 Peter 2:1-2: "Laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby."

What's more?

1 Corinthians 9:27: "I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection."

Do I truly believe in Christ, so I abide in Him in living by His Word?

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