

## Sin - cont.

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and spiritual death (2:17; 3:22-24; 4:14,16). We must always be aware of our physical and spiritual death (Hebrews 9:27). Are we ready to die physically and have we removed curse of spiritual death through Jesus Christ?

Sin also destroys man's relationship with his fellow-man (3:6; 4:8,19,23; 6:5ff; 9:6). We must not forget we are made in God's image (1:26-27). Sin also destroys man's relationship with his world (3:17-18; 9:2). We must not forget the world will be changed one day as a result of sin (Romans 8:19-22).

Sin also spreads rapidly all over the world (6:5-13). We must not forget that the gospel, the cross, and the judgment are for all the world (Romans 1:16; 3:23; 2 Corinthians 5:14; 2 Peter 3:10-13).

Sin will also come back in time if it is not destroyed (Genesis 9:21ff; 11:1-9). Do we really want sin to stop in our life (Romans 6:1; Hebrews 10:26)?

Paradise lost and found. This is the message of the Bible. Friend, will you allow Satan to keep you out of the paradise of heaven (Revelation 2:7; 20:10-15; 21:1-8,22-27; 22:14-15)?

- Chris Reeves -

## Sentence Sermons

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- Anyone can hear the truth of God's word; be different and obey it.
- Some Christians and churches are "growing by leaps and bounds", but in the wrong direction ... backwards.
- We are known by the company we keep and by the company we do not keep.
- Sometimes the loudest talkers are the slowest walkers (workers).

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# The Sin Problem: Causes and Cures

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What is sin? This may be a basic question for you, but many people today could not tell you specifically what sin is and how it came about in the world. Let's take a look at Genesis 1-3 and remind ourselves of the sin problem; both its cause and its cure. When you read Genesis 1-3, you will be reminded of three important lessons about sin: 1) the problem of sin, 2) the nature of sin, and, 3) the wages of sin.

## The Problem of Sin

When you read your Bible, it must be viewed as a whole – one book, one theme. What is that theme? The theme is paradise lost (Genesis 3) and paradise regained (Revelation 22). What Adam and Eve lost at the beginning in the garden of paradise because of their sin, anyone can regain at the end of time in the garden of heaven because of their righteousness.

In the beginning when God created all things, we are told that all is “good” in Genesis 1-2; even “very good” (Genesis 1:31). There is no imperfection or sin.

Then, the sin problem is introduced in Genesis 3. God gave Adam and Eve a commandment not to eat of

the tree of knowledge of good and evil (2:17) and they later did (3:6). They sinned because sin is a violation of God's law (1 John 3:4). Eve sinned as a result of being tempted by the Devil to violate God's command (3:1-5) and Adam sinned by simply following her example to violate God's command (3:6). The problem of sin has now been introduced into the world and it will have dramatic effects.

## The Nature of Sin

When you read Genesis 3, you also learn about the nature of sin and how it comes about. Sin involves a process leading up to a sinful act. There is a command (2:16-17) and then there is some sort of luring away from the obedience to that command (3:1-6).

We learn from this that we must stop the process of sin before it leads to the actual act of sin (James 1:14-15). Sin is also basically an inward heart problem (3:5-6; 4:5-7; 6:5). The heart of mankind becomes proud to think that it can violate God's word. Knowing this, we must guard our heart and our thinking (Proverbs 4:23; Philippians 4:8).

We also learn that sin cannot be hid (3:7-13; 4:9-10; 6:5; 11:5). Even though Adam and Eve tried, they could not hide

from God. And we too must realize that our sin will be known to God ... “your sin will find you out” (Numbers 32:23).

Sin is also relatively easy to commit (3:4,6; 4:8,19,23; 9:21). It didn't take much work for Satan to get Eve to sin. So, we must realize that Satan will use the ease and “pleasures of sin” anywhere, anytime, and any way he can (Hebrews 11:25).

## The Wages of Sin

What follows in Genesis 3 are the “wages of sin”. Paul wrote that the “wages of sin” is death (Romans 6:23). Adam and Eve are paid the “wages” of their sin by God. They are ashamed (3:7-8), they turn to blame (3:9-13), they are given humbling consequences (3:14-20), and lastly, they are cast out of the garden (3:23-24). They “die” spiritually when they are separated from God and they will “die” physically later in life. When you read the chapters that follow Genesis 3, you are reading about the sin problem and its consequences as it grows and flows throughout all mankind (Genesis 4-11).

Sin brings death, both physical death to Adam and Eve (3:19; 5:5ff)