

The Filth of Sin

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Sin is the ever-present problem of mankind. The Devil tries to get you to deny its existence while submitting to its power. God tries to get you to despise it as putrid filth while purifying you of past guilt. You and I are caught in the middle of this great, cosmic battle, and the price of victory or defeat -- our eternal souls!

Sin is so horrible that it caused a loving, all-powerful, eternal God to devise a plan before time began to undo its horrible damage. ***“In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began”*** (Titus 1:2). It is so expensive that He paid for our sins with the death of His only begotten Son (John 3:16). Sin is so debilitating that man unwittingly refers to its effect on one in its grasp as an addiction. Biblically speaking, you are ***“slaves of sin”*** (Rom. 6:17). Sin’s influence is so permeating that it is spiritual ***“cancer”*** (2 Tim. 2:17). Sin is so blinding that it darkens one’s understanding (Eph. 4:18). Sin is so unfulfilling that it leads to insatiable greed (Eph. 4:19).

After reading the above paragraph, you would think everybody would be greatly alarmed by sin and would do everything within their power to defeat it! But sin also causes spiritual indifference, and so we slowly shuffle toward eternity painfully unaware of our eternal doom.

We need to view sin’s filth as God does. Isaiah 64:6 says, ***“But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags.”*** If this is true, and we are all ***“unclean”*** before a perfectly righteous God so that even our ***“righteousnesses”*** are like filthy rags, then we should abhor sin in its putrid filth as God does! Only can the blood of the Son of God can remove the horrible effects of sin on our souls, minds, and lives! If you believe this with all your heart (Heb. 11:6), then come to Jesus for His soul-cleansing blood (Matt. 11:28-30).

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