Sin & Sinners

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Sin is a serious matter, though we often make light of it. The word *"sin"* appears in the New Testament 100 times itself! *"Sinner(s)"* appears another 42 times in the New Testament. Keep in mind some biblical facts about sin:

- The most common NT word for *"sin"* comes from a Greek word (ʜᴀᴍᴀʀᴛɪᴀ) which means "to miss the mark." It suggests that there **is** a standard.

- Paul said that he would *not have known sin* except through the revelation of the law, Rom. 7:7. Thus, one can be a sinner and be unaware of it. This is a dangerous condition.

- A *"sinner"* is one whose life is **dominated** by sin, Rom. 6:12, 14-16. A Christian is one who has *"died"* to sin (Rom. 6:2, 6-7), though sin invades his life *on occasion* (1 Jn. 1:8). It is not proper to refer to a Christian as *"sinner,"* unless he has fallen back into the life of sin.

- The *"wages of sin is death,"* Rom. 6:23. There will be a payday some day, so do not think anyone is getting away with anything. *"Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him"* (Jude 14-15).

- You should know that the *"goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering"* of God should lead you to repentance, Rom. 2:4.

- The *"strength of sin is the law"* (1 Cor. 15:56). God's law convicts men of sin, but it also tempts men to do it when God says *"Thou shalt not."*

- Jesus Christ is *"the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"* (Jn. 1:29). Sin cost God the blood of His only begotten Son to forgive. Do not take it lightly.

- Jesus Christ did not come into the world to condemn the world (Jn. 3:17). The world was already condemned by their sins. Jesus came into the world to save the world from their sins (Jn. 3:16). **Will you let Jesus save you?**

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