

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

GOD'S DEFINITION OF SIN

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PART 1: WHAT IS SIN

SIN AND REPENTANCE

The greatest gift that God can give a man or a woman is the *gift of repentance*.
John 16:7-15

This is why the apostle Paul warned believers not to grieve the Holy Spirit!
Ephesians 4:30

There is no salvation if God doesn't draw you to Himself by the Holy Spirit.
John 6:44, 65

You and I cannot define sin because we are inherently sinful, so we have to look at what God has said in the Bible. **Exodus 20:1-17**

God spoke through the prophet Malachi in 455 B.C. and told Israel what He thought of people creating their own "sin list."

God told them that He has loved them and spoke of how he had dealt with them differently than with Esau's descendants. **Malachi 1:1-4**

Since God is their father, should He not be honored and shown respect? **Exodus 20:12; Malachi 1:5**

The priests decided not to follow the instructions given to Moses. **Leviticus 22:17-25**

The priest defiantly wrote their own instructions and did sacrifices according to what they believed. God didn't want any part of it. **Malachi 1:7-13**

God told them that they would be cursed if they didn't obey His laws and treat Him like a King. **verse 14**

FICTION AND REALITY REGARDING SIN

It is important that we don't live in delusion by creating our own understanding of how God thinks and operates. Creating your own definition of sin brings curses from God.

God spoke expressly to not only the priests in Israel but every pastor, evangelist, Bible teacher, Sunday school teacher to heed what He said some 2,450 years ago. What God said is still valid and will continue to be valid until Jesus comes back. **Malachi 2:1**

God will send a curse upon every person who claims to represent God and does abominations. **verse 2**



He will corrupt the children of the false minister. **verse 3; 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12**

You had better heed God's word because it cannot be changed or made void but will accomplish His purpose. **Isaiah 55:10-11**

CORRUPTION WITHIN THE CHURCH

The great revivals and awakenings 150 years ago that gave birth to denominations like the Methodist's, Presbyterian's, Baptist's, etc. are today corrupted from within and moved from the glory of God to the filth of the Devil.

The Salvation Army that was born in blood and fire is today nothing more than a social organization devoid of any power from God. The Assemblies of God, Church of God, and Four Square churches have lost their power and divine direction and are drifting into the arms of the Great Whore, the Roman Catholic Church.

The YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) that was birthed during the great revivals at the time of D.L. Moody is not even worthy to carry the Christian name anymore and brings nothing but shame to the name of Jesus. Youth for Christ was once a blazing youth revival movement during the 1940's but now is corrupted. The Full Gospel Business Men's International Fellowship, YWAM (Youth With A Mission), Campus Crusade for Christ and television ministries like PTL, TBN, CBN can be laid on the heap of corruption, shame and debauchery.

Greedy television evangelists like Benny Hinn, Morris Cerullu, Kenneth Copeland, Robert Schuller, Joel Osteen, Robert Liardon, etc. are moving like maggots among the corpses of these spiritual dead ministries. On this heap of corruption you will also find the Vineyard churches, more and more Calvary Chapel churches, Purpose Driven Southern Baptist churches and Emerging churches. Let's not forget all the Christian universities like Yale, Harvard, Princeton which have become corrupted, and then there are the newcomers like Biola, Oral Roberts University, Bob Jones University and Regent University.

REVERENCE OF GOD

When God bestowed the priesthood upon Aaron, a Levite, he walked in the fear of God in truth and peace but his descendants made the choice to live in sin and teach their offspring to live a sinful life. **Malachi 2:4-9**

Aaron's descendants were responsible for violence, immorality, divorce and a general contempt for God's Word in the generations that followed. **verses 10-14**

TAKE HEED BECAUSE GOD IS WEARY

Listen to God's word because He has told us how He feels and what he will do if we rebel. **verses 15-17**

DO YOU HAVE A SIN LIST?

Most Christians have a “sin list” that fits their lifestyle! It really doesn’t bother them too much that it contradicts God’s “sin list.”

- The cannibal doesn’t understand that eating human flesh is sin!
- The smoker doesn’t understand that smoking is a sin!
- The alcoholic doesn’t understand that drinking alcohol is a sin!
- The drug addict doesn’t understand that using drugs is a sin!
- The pedophile doesn’t understand it’s wrong to have sex with children!
- This holds true for people addicted to pornography, rape, sadomasochism, homosexuality, witchcraft, television, movies, gambling, fornication, adultery, etc.

Jesus demands a total surrender. **Matthew 6:24; 10:32-39; 19:27-30**

Of the 30,000 people who followed Jesus before His death on the cross, only 120 understood His teaching and surrendered all. **Matthew 13:1-23**

Remember, it’s not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?