Why SIN?

Chapter 6

What is sin? What is the problem with sin? Why does God make such a big deal about sin? When you sin, what happens? Are there different degrees of sin? A little white lie, sin, or a deep dark terrible murder, sin. No. There is no such thing as a little sin. God says a sin, is a sin, is a sin, is a sin, is a sin. They are all weighted the same and have the same effect on our lives.

Is our God so egotistical that He will cast us into hell just because we do not praise Him, or that we did a little white sin? He is so controlling that just because we say one little lie in our life, we are condemned to hell? Is He so eccentrically that just because we have a little fun that He does not like, opps, well that is too bad, you are going to hell?

I do not think so. Our God is all loving, that means that His only attitude toward us is acting lovingly.

1CO 13:1 "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. [2] If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. [3] If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing."

1CO 13:4 "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. [5] It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. [6] Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. [7] It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

1CO 13:8 "Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. [9] For we know in part and we prophesy in part, [10] but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. [11] When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. [12] Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

1CO 13:13 "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

This means that this is God's attitude toward us all of the time. This means that He cannot be egotistical, or eccentrically or anything that is not according to this definition of Love. This then means that God does not just throw people into hell for the

fun of it, nor for His ego, nor anything other than a very good reason. But what is that reason?

God did not create this thing called sin as a means to control people, He cannot, because control is contrary to who He is, for He is love, and love only happens through freedom: the freedom to choose and do as we please. Control is the opposite of freedom, it is not freedom, and it requires rules and requirements and penalties for breaking them. Control is actually an evil spirit. And that evil spirit cannot live in God, nor does God want that evil spirit in heaven, which is why he has removed it from heaven and put on earth until judgment day.

God created and uses this word sin to show us what happens when you disobey God and the consequence of this disobedience. Is obeying God a means of control? Not really. He is only guiding, leading and showing us the way to heaven, and He is showing us how to keep evil out of our hearts. How could we know something is wrong if God did not show us, or tell us or give us some sort of information so that we can know it is wrong and what would happen if we did it. For He knows what actions, attitudes and intentions that will lead to opening windows into our heart with evil waiting behind them. And He knows what will happen if we open those windows that are keeping evil out. So He calls these events in our lives sin, for if we do them, we will open these windows and evil will come in and live in our hearts, and He knows what that will lead to. So God is asking us to obey Him, for He is really just trying to help us stay pure and clean from evil. For only the pure, clean and holy of heart can enter into heaven.

RO 10:5 "Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: "The man who does these things will live by them." [6] But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) [7] "or 'Who will descend into the deep?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). [8] But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: [9] That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. [11] As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame." [12] For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, [13] for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

HEB 10:19 "Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, [20] by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body, [21] and since we have a great priest over the house of God, [22] let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. [23] Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. [24] And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. [25] Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

6.1 Original Sin

To understand how this all started lets look at the beginning, which started with Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve were kicked out of the Garden of Eden and separated from God for sinning. This sin became a curse to all mankind. This curse of death follows all man—male and female alike. This curse is evil and this evil that lives in us and is passed down to all of our children, for it lives in our blood. It is passed to each child through the blood of the father. (A little biology here.) Sperm is made of two things, water and blood—you can check any biology book and see. And the woman provides the egg; just like the first Adam. God made him out of the earth in the ground, a lifeless clay form (like a woman's egg). So when people mate, life is put into the egg by the father. Just like the breath of life was put into Adam when he was just clay—which was formed from dust. So Adam was originally created sinless.

GE 2:4 "This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens-- [5] and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground, [6] but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground-- [7] the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."

God did warn Adam of the only rule in the Lord's garden.

GE 2:15 "The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. [16] And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; [17] but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

But after awhile the devil came to temp Adam and Eve. He tried to get them to follow him and not God. So he set out a trap to get them to sin, knowing the consequences of them sinning. He appealed to Eve's pride. He lied to her telling her what she wanted to hear to build up her ego and pride.

- GE 3:1 "Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"
- GE 3:2 "The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, [3] but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' "
- GE 3:4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. [5] "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and <u>you will be like God</u>, knowing good and evil."
- GE 3:6 "When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave

some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. [7] Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves."

Then man failed to follow God's commands in that He said that Adam should rule over everything, but instead of following God's command of not eating that fruit, he relinquished his authority to woman and did what she commanded instead.

So then God had to fulfill His command by enforcing the consequence onto Adam and Eve.

- GE 3:13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
- GE 3:14 So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals!

 You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.
- GE 3:15 "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel."
- GE 3:16 "To the woman He said,
 "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children.
 Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."
- GE 3:17 To Adam He said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,'
 "Cursed is the ground because of you;
 through painful toil you will eat of it
 all the days of your life.
- GE 3:18 "It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field."
- GE 3:19 "By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

As you notice here that He gave only two curses, one to the devil and one to Adam not Eve. The curse to the devil is the death to him and all those that follow him, and the other was to only Adam. That is because cursing Eve does no good because the curse only follows through the blood of humans, and since woman does not provide the blood for a baby, the curse cannot be passed down by her. So this shows that the curse of

death only follows through the curse put on Adam. And that curse of evil is only passed onto everyone else through his blood.

The main point here is that the curse of evil that God put into Adam is what causes true death. Death is in two forms: Physical and Spiritual. There is a lot more on death in the later chapters. This curse did not directly cause Adam's physical death, so the death that God was talking about is the spiritual death. Mans original spirit that God placed into him when he was first created, died with this curse—it came evil—for all sin is evil. And without that original spirit that was holy and pure, like God's, meaning that as long as man has evil in him, he cannot be saved.

This is why God's has to give you the gift of salvation, because only He can remove that evil spirit that is in people, and replace it with the original spirit He gave Adam and Eve.

6.2 Purpose of Hell

Why did God make hell? Well lets think about it. When you love someone, and you dedicate your whole life to them, you even go so far as to die for them, and then they not only rebel, but they try to over through and kill you, what would you do? You really do not have the desire or heart to kill them, but you certainly do not want to live with them anymore, or give them more chances to continue their fight to kill you, so what you do? Me, I would get rid of them. Put them somewhere where they cannot hurt anyone anymore, and somewhere where I cannot see them to remind me how much they have hurt me.

Well that is just what God has done. He has made a place called hell to put these rebels; these beings that do not love God, and in fact, they hate God. So He has made hell to put all of those people and beings that hate Him. That way, they cannot hurt anyone anymore, they cannot fight God, and God cannot see nor hear them.

Now we know about the devil and his evil angles, and how they are already condemned to hell because of their rebellion in heaven. But what about us, the people. How do we get into hell? Well we have our great, great, great... grandfather to thank for that. When Adam rebelled against God, he and all of his offspring were cursed to hell because of that one act. He did not believe God when he was told that if he disobeyed and he would surely die—go to hell.

GE 2:15 "The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. [16] And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; [17] but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.""

So they ate and they were then cursed forever to go to hell and that curse is passed down to all of their offspring—us—because the curse resides in his blood, and so our blood. But God loves us, so He determined a way to forgive us of this disobedience, Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. But what happened when Adam disobeyed, he received the

knowledge of good and evil. Well because he wanted evil, God gave it to him in the curse of evil. That curse changed Adam's spirit from a pure and holy human spirit to an evil and cursed spirit.

Well what happened to the devil when he rebelled, God changed him.

- GE 3:12 "The man said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."
- GE 3:13 "Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
- GE 3:14 "So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.
- GE 3:15 "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

So the devil was cursed too. He is considered evil, which is anti-God. God has determined that no evil will enter or live in heaven. So all evil goes to hell. That is why we must be born again so that we can have the human spirit that was in Adam before he was disobedient—before he rebelled. For this disobedience created sin, for when he sinned, he was cursed and with that, evil was able to live in his spirit. With evil in his spirit, humans were then banned from heaven. And as long as evil remains and lives in the human heart, that human cannot enter the holy and Godly heaven. All evil has been condemned to hell. So if you have evil in your heart, you are condemned to hell too, which is the point of the devil, to get as many of God's loved ones to go with him to hell. That is how he is getting back at God, by stealing God's loved ones.

2PE 2:4 "For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment; [5] if He did not spare the ancient world when He brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; [6] if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; [7] and if He rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men [8] (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)-- [9] if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment. [10] This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority.

Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings; [11] yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord. [12] But these men

blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like brute beasts, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like beasts they too will perish."

So when you are "Born again", God forgives, you, washes you with His blood—that cleans and purifies you, and now that you are pure and clean, God can then put into you a new, clean, pure and holy human spirit. With this clean—meaning that no more evil spirits live in your heart—spirit, you now have the right to enter heaven. But if you are now holy and pure, can evil spirits re-enter you and condemn you to hell again?

6.3 Enter Hell

So if you are "Born again", can you still go to hell? YES. Remember, God will not allow any evil into heaven. For God to love us, He has chosen to give us our freedom, and with it comes freedom of choice, freedom to decide, freedom to follow your own way, even if you are deceived and follow the wrong path. He loves us so He honors our free will.

So if you chose to allow evil to enter and live in your heart again, after you were "Born again", yes you will still go to hell that is your free will. But remember, God will not allow any evil into heaven, and if you have evil in your heart again, then oopps, you are off to hell.

REV 3:14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. [15] I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! [16] So, because you are lukewarm--neither hot nor cold--I am about to spit you out of my mouth. [17] You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. [18] I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

REV 3:19 "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. [20] Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me.

REV 3:21 "To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. [22] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

JAS 1:12 "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him." 2PE 3:17 "Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men **and fall from your secure position.** [18] But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen".

REV 2:8 "To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. [9] I know your afflictions and your poverty--yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. [10] **Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer.** I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

REV 2:11 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death."**

How can this happen? You are born again, you have a new clean, holy human spirit, how can you have evil in you again. Well that is easy, if you disobey, you have sinned, and that sin opens the window to allow evil of that sin to enter you and live with you. Why? Read this.

MT 12:43 "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. [44] Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. [45] Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation."

This is how. He finds the house empty. Nothing can stop him. You need to be filled with the spirit of God to live with you just like the evil spirit did before you were born again. But again, God will not live in a dirty house, a house of sin. So if you sin, then He will not live in your dirty house—His presence will leave you. He will not desert you, but He will not live in that dirty house.

But the point is that if the evil spirit and his friends live in that house again—you-, that house will be cursed again and it will be subject to hell again.

EPH 2:1 "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are *disobedient*. [3] All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. [4] But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, [5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. [6] And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, [7] in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. [8] For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- [9] not by works, so that no one can boast. [10] For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

If you notice that it does not say sin, it says disobedient, but the consequence of that is the same as sin. So to be disobedient is to sin.

So simply, sinning is being disobedient to God. And then this sin, opens the windows to evil spirits, and they can come in and live with you. Why, because if you are disobedient, God and His Holy Spirit will not live there, and if they do not live there, it is empty, and if it is empty, the evil forces will come in to live—oopps, subject to hell again.

So the reason God hates sin so much is because when we sin, we allow evil spirits to live in us again. And then the above scenario starts again.

Sin therefore does not have any different degrees of difference. Every sin will open the evil spirit window. There are different levels of evil, some stronger then others and some are harder to remove then others, but the smallest sin can open the weakest evil spirit and that one is enough to condemn you to hell when he lives in you.

JN 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. [2] He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. [3] You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. [4] Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me."

JN 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in Him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. [6] If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. [7] If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. [8] This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

JN 15:9 "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. [10] If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love. [11] I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. [12] My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. [14] You are My friends if you do what I command. [15] I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know His master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. [16] You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. [17] This is My command: Love each other."

So remember, there is no such thing as "Once saved, always saved." Only those who remain in God's love by being obedient will be saved. This is what He means by overcoming to the end, for any disobedient, will allow evil in our hearts, and that will cause us to loose our salvation if we die with them still in our hearts.

You ask how do you remove them:

- 1. Ask for forgiveness for that sin—this closes that evil window that sin opened.
- 2. Repent from that sin—this removes the evil that came in from the open window.
- 3. Stay righteous—stay obedient

PS 103:11 "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him;

PS 103:12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

There is more, but that is why you must read the bible and pray and fellowship with other Christians.

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