

Christian Doctrine

Sin (Conclusion)

Seeing Sin as God Sees It

In our fallen world, sin is a reality that has affected each one of us. Since the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden, every person has been guilty of sin and every person has faced the consequences of sin. Hopefully, through this study you have developed a better understanding of what sin is, and have begun to see sin as God sees it. Only when we see our sin for what it is, do we recognize our need for a Savior. And only when we hate sin like God hates sin, do we truly grasp the importance of pursuing holiness (**II Cor. 7:1**).

A Clear Difference

Knowing that on the cross Christ took the punishment for our sin, our natural response should be to live in appreciation for the gift of salvation. Being set free from the power of sin, we are now able to live in a way that truly reflects the character of God. Overcoming sin takes an intentional effort. We need to daily examine our lives to be sure that we are keeping sin in check and living in victory over sin (**Ps. 139:23-24**). There is no time or place where we can put our guard down, so we must continually make an intentional effort to walk in holiness. When we do that, there will be a clear contrast between the way we live and the way of the world (**Eph. 2:1-10**).

Our Final Victory

We all look forward to the day when our struggle with sin will be over. God promises that there will be a day when not only the power of sin will be removed, but also the very presence of sin (**I Cor. 15:50-58; I John 3:2-3**). In our eternal home, we will not deal with fleshly desires or have battles with temptation. As we await this day when we will stand face to face with our Creator, let us determine to use the opportunities we have now to bring Him glory. Going against the world and the flesh may not always be easy, but God assures us that being victorious will always bring about His reward (**Heb. 11:24-26; James 1:12**).