Christian Doctrine Sin (Intro)

The Problem of Sin

Imagine what it would be like to live in a perfect world. Imagine what life would be like if everyone loved each other. Imagine if there was no such thing as war, crime, hate, gossip, lying, child abuse, or divorce. It would be like heaven on earth. Life would be so much more peaceful and enjoyable. When God created the world, He designed it just that way. However, we know that the world did not remain like that. Once sin came on the scene, everything changed. God's beautiful creation quickly became filled with heartache and pain. Sin created more problems for mankind than we could have ever imagined.

Basic Things Most People Recognize about Sin

All people have experienced the reality of sin in the world, in their families, and in their own personal lives. Because of this, all people have at least a basic understanding of the concept of sin. There are several things most people would recognize about sin. These include:

- Some sins seem <u>enjoyable</u> (Heb. 11:25).
- Sin can result in a <u>guilty conscience</u> (Ps. 38:4).
- Sin has <u>consequences</u> (Num. 32:23).
- Some people do not think sin is an <u>issue</u> to be <u>worried</u> about (II Cor. 4:3-4).
- ➢ God <u>hates</u> sin (Prov. 6:16-19).

Many Questions That Need to Be Answered

In this study, we will try to understand what exactly sin is, where it came from, why it causes so many problems, and the solution God has given to this problem. This study should help us get a deeper understanding of sin and help us see sin just as God sees it. Sin is not an issue we like to think about, but it is an issue that cannot be ignored.

"For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me." Ps. 38:4

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