

# The Gospel of Christ and the Problem of Sin

Lesson #1

*How the Gospel Addresses the Problem of Sin*

# The Problem of Sin

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Sin is the transgression of the law.

*Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*

(1 John 3:4 KJV)

Failure to do what one knows is right is sin.

*Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.*

(James 4:17 KJV)

Doing that which violates one's conscience is sin.

*And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*

(Romans 14:23 KJV)

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The problem of the **LOVE** of sin.

*By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; (Hebrews 11:24-25 KJV)*

*Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) (Philippians 3:19 KJV)*

The problem of the **PERSISTENT PRACTICE** of sin.

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; (Romans 3:23 KJV)*

*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:8-10 KJV)*

The problem of the **STATE** of sin .

*And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; (Ephesians 2:1 KJV)*

*And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; (Colossians 2:13 KJV)*

The problem of the **GUILT** of sin .

*Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. (Romans 3:19 KJV)*

Whether or not one “feels” guilty does not change the fact of his guilt!

The problem of the **POWER** of sin .

*For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.*

(Romans 7:18-21 KJV)

The problem of the **END RESULT** of sin .

*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
(Romans 6:23 KJV)

*And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.*  
(Matthew 25:46 KJV)

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  - b. Commands to be obeyed
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5. How does the Gospel of Christ address the problem areas of sin?

The problem of the **LOVE** of sin in the command to **BELIEVE** in Christ.

*Through thy precepts I get understanding:  
therefore I hate every false way. (Psalms 119:104  
KJV)*

The problem of the **PERSISTENT PRACTICE** of sin in the command to **REPENT** of our sins.

*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:38 KJV)*

*And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. (Acts 17:30-31 KJV)*

The problem of our **DEAD STATE** in sin in the command to be **BAPTIZED**.

*For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (Galatians 3:27 KJV)*

cf. Rom. 6:1-7

The problem of the **GUILT** of sin in the promise of **REMISSION OF SINS**.

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*And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. (Acts 22:16 KJV)*

The problem of the **POWER** of sin in the promise of **THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**.

*Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*

(Romans 8:12-13 KJV)

The problem of the **END RESULT** of sin in the promise of **ETERNAL LIFE**.

*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
(Romans 6:23 KJV)*

*And this is the promise that he hath promised us,  
even eternal life. (1 John 2:25 KJV)*

These thoughts should give to meaning to...

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is **the power of God unto salvation** to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (Romans 1:16 KJV)*

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