

Come out of the Tomb of Sin

“The tomb of sin” is not a biblical phrase, but it serves as a powerful scriptural metaphor. A tomb is silent and sealed, symbolizing finality, darkness, and decay. It is a place where physical life ends. Scripture teaches that sin works the same way on the soul: it numbs the conscience, hardens the heart, and slowly convinces us that change is impossible. Life becomes mundane with work and other everyday responsibilities, and internally entombed by guilt, fear, and destructive phases. This inner turmoil is common among unbelievers. **Romans 6:23:** *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* But what about Christians? How many of us peer into or enter the dark tomb from time to time? How many of us are like the prodigal son for a season of our lives? Sin imprisons our souls, taking us away from the life God has planned for us. **Romans 12:9:** *“Love must be free of hypocrisy. Detest what is evil; cling to what is good.”* Ponder this thought. The gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, didn’t begin outside the tomb, but rather inside it. Jesus came as the suffering Servant of God and as the One who came to serve and sacrifice for us. Jesus tells us, **Mark 10:45:** *“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”* He died for us. He entered death fully, allowing Himself to be wrapped, sealed, and laid where hope seems to stop. In doing so, He entered the tomb of sin on our behalf, not to explain it away, but to break it open. The stone was not rolled away, so Jesus could escape. It was rolled away so we could see that death had lost its claim on all who place their trust and full faith in Jesus. **1 Corinthians 15:55-57:** *“Where, O Death, is your victory? Where, O Death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.* However, many Christians still live as if the stone were still there, rehearsing old sins and old shame. We remain in a place Christ has already conquered. The tragedy is not that the tomb exists but that it is empty and that we refuse to leave it. **John 8:34-36:** Jesus said, *“Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son (Christ) sets you free, you will be free indeed.”* The tomb of sin is real, but it is not final. Christ has turned tombs into doorways, graves into beginnings, and death into defeated ground. Today, do not pray for a better tomb. Instead, pray for the courage to step into the light of the risen Lord. Those who trust in God for salvation come to the light and receive abundant life; those who love darkness will face eternal separation from God in *“blackest darkness”* (**Jude 1:4–13**). For unbelievers and Christians alike who enter the tomb, God invites all to come to Him, repent, and receive forgiveness. God tells us that no one is beyond redemption, no matter how far they’ve fallen or how sinful they may feel. God’s love is unconditional, and His grace is available to everyone, even the prodigals who have strayed far from Him.