

THE POWER OF SIN & THE CURE FOR SIN - Part 1

Sin is at the Door

Sin:

- is seen as a violation of God's will or law
- an immoral act
- deliberate independence from God, rejecting His authority or not living as He calls.
- It's failing to meet a perfect standard of holiness set by God, whether intentionally or not.
- includes harmful thoughts, desires, or words

Sin can be revealed in three words:

- **Sin** - the inward state and habit of the soul, as well as in the outward conduct of the life, whether by omission or commission
- **Iniquity** - immoral or grossly unfair behavior
 - distorted morality and actions.
 - It's more about the internal disposition, a hardened heart or a self-serving desire, that leads to external sin.
- **Transgression** - to "cross over" or "pass beyond" a boundary, specifically God's law or command, acting in rebellion or willful disobedience
 - It signifies a breach of relationship and a conscious violation of known limits

Sin is active in 2 ways Inherited our life:

- Inherited sin from Adam – this what we are birth with
- Personal sin which are actions, words and thoughts – this is what increases thru practice and behavior

THE THREAT OF SIN AT THE DOOR OF THE HEART:

Genesis 4:6-7 KJV And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? (7) If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

- It waits for an opportunity to enter the heart
- It cannot grow without permission
- It will rule your life if it is not controlled

*** Because Cain didn't stop Sin at the door he killed his brother, Abel.

THE DANGER OF SIN THAT IS ACTIVE IN THE HEART:

Hebrews 3:12-13 KJV Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. (13) But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

- Sin contaminates the heart with unbelief of GOD
- Sin separates the heart from relationship with GOD
- Sin hardens the heart against GOD thru deception
 - Hardened –
 - made unfeeling; made obstinate; confirmed in error.
 - callousness brought upon the heart and conscience

Sin is like cancer:

- ‡ It attacks silently
- ‡ It attaches to a part of the body
- ‡ It grows quietly
- ‡ It kills living and healthy cells
- ‡ It spreads to other parts of the body
- ‡ It is better to experience early detection
- ‡ There are three ways to kill it:
 - **chemotherapy** - uses powerful drugs to stop the growth of and destroy cancer.
 - **radiation treatment** - high-energy particles or waves (like X-rays, protons) to damage the DNA of cancer cells, causing them to die and stop growing
 - **surgery** – to remove by cutting the cancer cells out of the body