

# The Sin Unto Death – Will God Punish The Same Sin Twice?

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(Above is a link to the video study)

I John 5: 16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. 17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

No matter how this text is read, it has and continues to leave many confused and believing that understanding it is not “salvific” or necessary. But let us see if we can break it up and get important pieces of information here. John speaks here of two sins. One sin is not unto death, and other sin is unto death. One is not necessarily worse than the other because “all sin is unrighteous” he says... But nevertheless, there is a sin that does lead to our death, and another that does not.

Ezekiel 18: 20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

James 1: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

The end of sin is death. Therefore, **ALL sin leads to death**. Eternal death. For example, Satan sinned, and he will die and never come back from that death. But what exactly is sin?

## **Read John 16:7-11**

To reprove means to convince, to scold, rebuke, to speak disapprovingly, or correct usually gently or with kindly intent. The Holy Spirit will correct or improve our understanding of what sin, righteousness, and judgment really is. We will focus on how He will improve our understanding of sin.

John 16: 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

The bible clearly defines sin in 1 John 3:4.

1 John 3:4- Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

So we see here that sin is a principle that works against the principle of God's love. Because "love is the fulfilling of the law". (Rom 13:10) But now the word that we often miss in 1 John 3:4 is the word "also". While we may not miss it in reading, we miss it in understanding. That word "also" is telling us that there is something other than "law transgression" that is sin. Further, whatever that thing is, precedes, and is therefore the cause of law transgression. (Take another look at the text!)

In 1 John 3:4, John says that those who sin, transgress ALSO the law. This means that law transgression is not the only sin. There is something that causes us to continue in law transgression sins. Whatever that thing is, is ALSO sin! It is the thing that weakens us and keeps us living in sin.

It is like the domino effect. If there is a line of dominoes and the first domino falls, then the others will fall. There's a domino before the domino of law transgression sins. If we continue in that sin, we cannot be forgiven.

### **Does God punish the same sins twice?**

1 Corinthians 15: 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

Isaiah 53: 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

2 Corinthians 5: 18 And all things are of God, who **hath** reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

*Who sin has disconnected; Christ has reconnected to God.*

Justice demands that sin be not merely pardoned, but the death penalty must be executed. God, in the gift of His only-begotten Son, met both these requirements. By dying in man's stead, **Christ exhausted the penalty and provided a pardon.** {1SM 340.1}

What those scriptures and the above quote is saying, is that Jesus paid it all, and all to Him we owe. He has exhausted the penalty for all of our law transgressions sins. All of those sins were put on Him and crushed His holy head. He died of a broken heart; couldn't see beyond the portals of the tomb; faced the horror and deep fog of our sins. For us, for those sins, there is no more penalty, because Christ exhausted it, it was not imputed unto us, but unto Him, it was laid on Him. THEREFORE, those sins are not unto death.

It is so encouraging for a professed Christian who has decides to walk away from God because they've sinned a sin so terrible that they think God could never forgive them for, to hear Christ say, "This sin is not unto death."

### **What is the sin unto death?**

If "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." (I Cor 15:3), then why will will sinners still die? Let's ask Jesus.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 6: 28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye **believe** on him whom he hath sent.

John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye **believe** not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

Notice that Jesus said the would die "in" there sins, and not "for" their sins. Christ died "for" there sins, and they rejected that. So there death is "in" there sins, and "for" the sin that IS unto death; the sin that is unpardonable.

Luke 8:12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should **believe** and be saved.

1 John 5: Whosoever **believeth** that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that **believeth** that Jesus is the Son of God?

To believe in Jesus Christ is to believe in victory over sin. Please review “[The Divine-Human Family](#)” study and review the notes in the video description where we go through Christ and the Savior of the human race. In short, Christ is God manifest in the flesh; the union of Divinity and sinful humanity, causing that weak human nature to genuinely behave like God.

Mark 16: 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that **believeth** and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Jesus has made is crystal clear. The sin that leads to death is not disrespecting parents, smoking, killing, hating, Sabbath breaking etc. “All unrighteousness is sin: [but] there is a sin not unto death.” (1 Jn 5:17.) Whist those are. Those sins are not unto our death, because Christ took that condemnation and died that death for us.

All those sins have been placed on Jesus Christ and has led to His death which should have been ours. (1 Cor 15:3; Isaiah 53:6; 2 Cor 5:19.) Because He paid it all, and exhausted the penalty for all those sins, we will not pay for them, ever. If God would have us pay for ANY of those sins, then He would be saying that the sacrifice of Christ was not enough. So, because Christ took our condemnation for those sins, we are on probation... for now.

**There is no double jeopardy with God.**

Double jeopardy – A defense that prevents a second prosecution for the same crime/offense after being acquitted

Acquit - free (someone) from a criminal charge by a verdict of not guilty.

In other words, you can't be brought to court twice for the same crime.

So then if Jesus paid it all, then why will some people be lost, and what is the sin that leads to (their eternal) death? Well... What is that sin that was not placed on Jesus? The sin that could not be placed on Him... The fixed rejection of His forgiveness and salvation... unbelief. Jesus cannot forgive the sin of unbelief because that is the sin that rejects His very forgiveness and power to overcome sin. Even if He did forgive the sin of unbelief, we would not believe it! That is the sin against the Holy Spirit who has come to reprove us of sin.

“...for **whatsoever is not of faith is sin.**” (Romans 14:23.)

## The Sin Against the Holy Spirit

Matthew 12: 31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

YOU SPEAK AGAINST CHRIST WITH YOUR MOUTH.

YOU SPEAK AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH YOUR HEART.

The Holy Spirit never leaves unassisted the soul who is looking unto Jesus. He takes of the things of Christ and shows them unto him. If the eye is kept fixed on Christ, the work of the Spirit ceases not until the soul is conformed to His image. {DA 302.1}

Christ always separates the contrite soul from sin. He came to destroy the works of the devil, and He has made provision that the Holy Spirit shall be imparted to every repentant soul, to keep him from sinning. {DA 311.2}

In Matthew 12, Christ speaks of the dichotomy of sins. The Holy Spirit is the agent of the Godhead that convicts and converts the soul to accepting Christ (1 Cor 12:3), and if He is rejected, then there remains no sacrifice for that sin, and therefore no chance to be saved. (Hebrews 10:26-29.)

1 Corinthians 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

Hebrews 10: 26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain fearful

looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.  
28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:  
29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Hebrews 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him...

The only remedy is **belief** in the truth, acceptance of the light. {Testimonies to Ministers 90.3}

This belief is not merely an intellectual assent and agreement that Christ was not an imposter. It is not simply understanding truth. It is the functioning principle of the love of God in the mind of man causing us to love God – evidenced in the keeping of ALL His commandments, and loving man. This is not the believing of the devils, but a believing unto everlasting life (Jn 3:16) and accounting unto us as righteousness even and it did for Abraham. (Gal 3:6) This is not done by might nor by power but by the Spirit of the Lord (Zech 4:6), because without this gift of faith (Gal 5:22), it is impossible to please Him (Heb 11:6).

So then again... What is sin? Sin is the transgression of the law which is powered by unbelief or faithlessness which is the rejection of the Holy Spirit. It is understanding the truth and choosing to reject or neglect.

*And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

*1 John 5:11, 12*

## Closing Thought

What sin kept the children of Israel from entering the promised land?

Hebrews 3: 12 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. 14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence

stedfast unto the end; 15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. 16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. 17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? 19 **So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.**

The Holy Spirit intend to shine more and more light upon us unto the perfect day. Let us continue to “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Tim 2:15)

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Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.