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SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

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INTRODUCTION

Across the years there has been a tremendous lack of literature on the question of sin and its consequences.

The work of indoctrination and propagation depends more upon the printed page than upon the oral message.

The material of this book has been selected by the writer from various sources and individuals through the years. But it centers around sin and The One all powerful to save all men from all sin.

The writer has paid no attention to literary style but has endeavored to get a gospel message across to the readers; while I recognize the difficulty of getting this written message across and making it as attractive as when delivered orally containing the personality of the preacher.

I have a hope that this message will find a day of usefulness. In response to many requests for this publication, the writer sends this message forth with prayer that it will be a blessing to all who will be privileged to read it.

Sin is the most perplexing problem of the age in which we live and if we can solve the problem Scripturally we can bring relief to a heartbroken world.

When it comes to the exceeding sinfulness of sin, man has but little compunction of conscience left. And the way this question is settled will bring the happiness or misery of individuals and nations both here and hereafter. Sin is either conducive to happiness or

detrimental. We need to know the facts and govern our lives accordingly. The seed of sin has been sown broadcast in this world since the day of Adam. Cain and Abel started discord and friction until it has reached every nook and corner of the earth. Hence, there is a disturbing element against every righteous principle. All the human family is cursed by sin; subject to aches and pains and sooner or later will be wrecked by disease and will die.

Sin is an established fact, not a theory, fancy nor an allegory. In the morning of the world's history you might have sought the world over looking for pain, misery and guilt and all you could have found would have been order, harmony, beauty, happiness and holiness.

Every broken heart, every defeated soul, every disappointed life owes it, to the reality of sin. Laugh at sin all you please but it is here. If no sin, why do thousands go to drunkards' graves every year? If no sin, why do thousands of fallen girls bury their faces in their hands and weep for the days of their purity and virtue? Reason as logically as you please but sin is here both in principle and in practice. And best of all we have the solution for this question -- the shed blood. And upon the answer hinges the destiny of individuals and nations both here and here after.

To be a successful Christian, we should be acquainted with the doctrine of sin and its cure. May your understanding of it be clear, based on the Word of God, for through the truth we are saved and may you with a pure heart, hate sin, love God and work righteousness.

This book is not denominational. But it is written for those who desire to become familiar with the doctrine of sin and its woeful consequences. May it go forth on its mission and may it be read and reread until you will be afraid of sin and when you stand before the throne of God, may you be among the saved and blood-washed who have had their robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb.

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SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

Jesus Christ came into the world for a purpose and the purpose of His coming was to settle the sin question and settle it Scripturally and eternally.

He came to destroy the works of the devil; and the greatest work of the devil was to get carnality planted in the bosom of every child of Adam's race. I can see Jesus Christ leaving His home in Heaven, leaving the adoration of Cherubim and Seraphim and making His way to a world lost in sin. I see Him scourged, led out by a wicked mob and crucified. I can hear that wicked mob cry "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" There He hangs on the cross of Calvary and the Father seems to hide His face from Him for a time, and Jesus cries "My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" This Jesus bore all for you and me that He might cure us of all sin, and make us fit subjects for Him to abide in, and send us the abiding Comforter later.

His coming was to take out of us all sin, and give us a blessed "Know-so salvation." Beloved, if Jesus cannot do this very thing, then the devil, who injected this moral poison into the human race, is mightier than our Christ. Then he could inflict an evil which Jesus could not cure. The very thought of such is an insult to our adorable God and immaculate Christ. The plaster is larger than the sore and the supply is greater than the demand.

You should get rid of all sin because any form of sin on hand is dangerous. This awful power of Satan is seen and felt throughout the world until sin, shame, and woe are universal; and nations have gone down to wreck and ruin because of sin. And when nations go down what could be expected of an individual? Surely that was the master-stroke of Satan when he planted the germ of evil in the human heart. That germ was carnality. Sin has cursed individuals, wrecked families, and made our great cities headquarters for all kinds of sin. Sin has wrapped this world in a garment of misery and shame. Sin has visited Heaven and cast angels down from their high estate. Sin fills the bosom of God with sorrow, and turned loose a Gulf Stream of woe in this beautiful world of ours. I pray God will take this awful evil out of my readers before it becomes active.

We have a holy path to tread,
A clean place to dwell,
A conscience to exercise,
A great God to worship,
And a whole world to save.

But remember our resources are unlimited, our riches boundless, our inheritance both vast and grand and our future far more full and ample than tongue can tell or mind can grasp.

When saved from sin we can soar upon the wings of faith far above the world of gloom and sin and enter into the company of the Church of the first born and listen to the harping of innumerable angels while they play on "a harp of a thousand strings."

To question God's Word is one of the worst sins any one can commit. I think it is the paramount sin of all sins to question the Word of God. It is very dangerous and grievous to yourself, and to your God to question the veracity of God's Word.

Since we have sold ourselves for naught we belong to the devil; for we have all sinned. The devil held a mortgage on the very last one of us, but Jesus Christ came into the world to pay the sinner's debt. Did He pay it? The last words on the Cross answered the question. "It is finished." What was finished? A complete salvation from all sin to all men. Christ is not only able to save us from our past sins but is able to keep us from sinning in this present world.

1. We must separate ourselves from the sinful.
2. We must deny ourselves of the questionable.
3. We must have nothing to do with the doubtful.

Sin is the destroyer of domestic happiness. It brutalizes the husband, dissolutes the wife, debauches the son, and destroys the daughter. It is without concern for truth, without regard for honor and without reverence for virtue. It has no time for the Church, no interest in schools, no consideration for the home, no expectation of Heaven, and no apprehension of hell.

Sin demoralizes everybody that touches it from its very source to where it ends. It has many wrecks on both sides of the river of death; then come suicides, insanity, destitution and ignorance. And when you think of the jails, almshouses, prisons and asylums packed with people, I tell you, I am not surprised at Christians being afraid of sin. Sin cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, and old age in its weakness. It breaks the heart of the father, bereaves the mother; it extinguishes natural affection, erases love for another, blots out filial attachments, blights parental love and will bring you in sorrow to an early grave. It produces weakness, sickness and death. It makes wives, widows; children, orphans; fathers, fiends; and all paupers and beggars and covers the entire land with idleness, misery and crime. It causes controversies, fosters quarrels, and cherishes racial hatreds and riots. It crowds the penitentiaries and furnishes victims for the electric chair. It takes roses from the women's cheeks, and challenges the Republic in the halls of Congress: It honors liars, respects thieves, and has the most profound esteem for blasphemers. Sin turns men into monsters and women into harlots. It resists the ballot box to corrupt it, and weakens the administration of justice.

Sin hates love, scorns virtue, and slanders the innocent. It degrades citizens, debases the legislature, dishonors the statesman, and disarms the patriot. It brings shame, despair and misery. It poisons felicity, kills peace, ruins morals, blights confidence, slays reputation, and destroys national honor. It causes the world to laugh at the ruin. Sin is the son of vileness, Father of crime, and Mother of abomination. And at last, but not least, in the end, sin murders the soul.

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The Origin of Sin

The origin of sin is due to the first-wrong choice of a free moral agent. Sin must be a free act in order to be sin. Angels through jealousy rebelled against the government of God. Thus sin turned them into demons and evil spirits. This is not a myth or an allegory but is accepted as actual history. Sin is due to the wrong choice of the first free moral agent. Man was a moral being and endowed with conscience and the power of choice.

In the moral economy of God sin is a possibility but not a necessity. And our first parents converted a possibility into an actuality. Because of the fall, the ground was cursed and a blight was put upon nature.

In the plan of God justice demands the punishment of sinners; otherwise the plan of God would be destroyed. Our first parents sinned and that made sinners out of all their posterity. Sin entered the Garden and Adam and Eve yielded to gain knowledge and power. Sin is the intense desire to have your own way. Man is captain of his own soul, having freedom of will, so man makes or mars his own destiny.

The origin of sin is the subject which has baffled many an investigator. Its entrance into the world and infection of the whole human race, its nature, forms and effects, and its fatal possession of every unregenerate soul, are fully described in the Bible. Sin is a violation of the laws of God and claims of men, It is a deviation from eternal rectitude and is caned iniquity, unrighteousness, ungodliness and impurity.

Depravity transmitted from our first parents to all their seed, is called by theologians "original sin."

A single sin unrepented of and unforgiven, destroys the soul, as a single break renders a whole ocean cable useless. "For He hath made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

Man is the climax of all God's creation. He stands above the animal creation by his endowment or reason, discrimination, and language; he gave names to all animal creation. Man had a wonderful start but he sinned.

Sin multiplies. The tendency of sin is to gather force with every new commission. And so the battle goes on. We must either overcome sin, or sin will overcome us; you must and will decide which. Why not completely forsake all sin once and forever and do it now? Try being without sin for awhile and see the difference.

Sin is a great disturber. It is rebellion against God. It is selfish and continually causes trouble with our fellow men. The sinful heart is not satisfied and is a source of unrest. Sin is the enemy of a good conscience. If you disobey your conscience, it will not only reprove but it tells us that a settling up time is ahead. So there is plenty for a sinful heart to think about in settling up matters for eternity.

But to the devout Christian there is nothing to worry about. Having been reconciled to the Father through the death of His Son, we know that not only is there an escape from hell which is the consequence and climax of sin, but salvation unto life eternal. We are not only saved from but saved to. Having been saved from our sins, we look forward to a house of many mansions, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the Tree of Life, the River of Life, the streets of gold, yea, the saints of all ages as they gather in from the battle fields of life.

Sin is not an illusion. It is as real as war, and far more damnable. There will never be war when sin is put away, and there will never cease to be wars as long as sin rules the hearts of men. For sin to carry out its deadly work, it must enlist human support. Sin endeavors to fill the minds of men with propaganda, endeavors to capture the will and prompt men to choose sin instead of right and truth. Satan endeavors to capture the good and corrupt it with evil. God has given us hearts to love but we are taught to hate. He gives us hands to help our neighbors but we knock him down instead.

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Sin is Heinous and Ruinous

We cannot afford to treat sin lightly. It is nothing short of anarchy and rebellion against the divinely arranged program of God. If allowed to have its way it would destroy the entire universe of God; would kill people by the car load and sink steamers. It would turn cosmos into chaos. But best of all provision has been made through the blood of the Lamb for your sins to be forgiven.

Sin is a shocking reality and a mystery to man who do not want to give a up. We may not be able to give an explanation of the origin of sin but the fact and the ruin of sin are indisputable. A good fireman would not waste any time over the origin of fire, but get the facts concerning the fire afterwards, so it is our business to first get rid of sin, then later we can talk over God's reason for the origin and His tolerance of sin in the world.

All have sinned. The sinner is a transgressor. The sins of some are as scarlet, but others as crimson. But He loves those who seek Him early, yet some have gotten in at the eleventh hour but by waiting you are running the risk of having the door shut in your face.

Sin separates brothers from brothers, sisters from sisters, parents from children and husbands from wives. Your sins will hide His face from you.

The Bible is a book on sin. Many books have been written on literature and fiction unfolding sin and its consequences but our Bible is a masterpiece in the realms of literature, philosophy, and ethics. From its sacred pages we learn the origin, the nature, the effects, the consequences the penalty and the destiny of sin.

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Bible Definitions of Sin, Romans 6:23

I. "All unrighteousness is Sin." I John 5:17

Righteousness is one of the strongest words in the English language. Righteousness means upright, down right, in right, out right, and all right. To be righteous means we are right with God, right with our neighbor and right with ourselves. You will have due respect for your own soul.

II. "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17.

As a Christian man or woman, are you guilty? If guilty frankly confess it and get forgiveness. This is the sin of omission and there is a loophole through which you may escape. If you know your responsibility and refuse to assume it to you it is sin.

III. "Sin is the transgression of the law." I John 3:4. The state laws are for our protection. When we step over the laws of our country we become sinners against our country. When we openly walk over God's laws we may look for the consequences.

IV. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Romans 14:23. This sweeping proposition is universal.

This takes in your acts, thoughts, and imaginations. "The just shall live by faith." Have you attained unto this common end? Christ died for all men everywhere, but that is no sign everybody will be saved. It is a universal atonement but a conditional application. All men are guilty and when we turn down the blood we are guilty to suffer the consequences. In the final analysis you are not a sinner because you lie, steal, cheat, swear, etc. but because you neglect the blood which bought your pardon. There are only three steps to hell, namely: neglect, reject, despise.

The wages of sin are somewhat on the installment plan. It would be disastrous to the kingdom of Satan and the kingdom of darkness if paid off in full. It would paralyze every industry of the underworld. Satan pays wages but not living wages, but pays by installment. He will not always pay off January first but he will pay and he will pay in full.

Sin is a monster, a deceiver, and a destroyer. But no one who reads these lines needs ever to be deceived by that monster, deceiver, and destroyer. Through faith in the shed blood we may escape this awful doom which awaits every impenitent soul.

"Sin is like the descent of a hill, every step we take increases the difficulty of our return. Sin is like a river in its course: the longer it runs, the deeper it wears its channel, and in proportion to the distance it goes from the fountain, it swells in volume and acquires greater strength.

"Sin is like a tree in its progression: the longer it grows, the wider its roots spread; it grows taller, grows thicker until the sapling, which once an infant's arm could bend, raises its head aloft, defiant of the storm.

"Sin in its habits becomes stronger every day; the heart grows harder, the conscience duller, the distance between God and the soul grows greater, and like a rock hurled from the mountain top, the farther one descends, he goes down, down, down, with ever increasing rapidity."
-- Sel.

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The Pleasure of Sin

The pleasures of sin are not of a lasting or permanent nature.

1. The pleasures of sin are of short duration.
2. The pleasures of sin leave a sting behind.
3. The pleasures of sin are such that the more they are enjoyed, the less enjoyment they contain.
4. The pleasures of sin are expensive.

(a) An acknowledgment of sin.

- (b) An abandonment of sin.
- (c) Confession and restitution.

Sin is the source of every ailment, both physical and social, to which the human family has fallen heir. In the beginning sin has a small and nearly unnoticeable start. Sin leaves its trademark upon the body. The world is full of physical wrecks whose ruin is traceable to sin. A person can still sin until conscience ceases to function; until it is seared. Sin is the cause of all evil habits, crime and degradation. Heredity is an undeniable fact. The Bible says that the sins of the fathers will visit the offspring of the third and fourth generations. Sin is a contagious disease. One person sinning makes it easy for others with him to do the same. We cannot escape our influence.

We punish criminals and rise up in indignation if they go unpunished for their crime against society. We must give God the same privilege. To leave sin unpunished He would dethrone Himself and cease to be supreme. Sin is the work of the enemy and God cannot look upon sin with any degree of allowance. Hell was not prepared for the human race but for the devil and his angels. The way men go to hell is to follow sin and reject Jesus Christ. Our Savior knew what it would mean for a soul to be lost so He made an atonement whereby lost humanity might escape the penalty of sin and make it through to the haven of eternal rest.

Sin has a small beginning, causes separation, is unclean, is contagious, is incurable, is fatal and the only cure is Jesus Christ. Hence Jesus alone can deliver from sin and its awful consequences. Sin is a fire, sin is a poison, sin is a disease, sin is bondage, and sin is moral leprosy. No tyrant was ever so hard a taskmaster as sin.

He gives us a holy day in which to recuperate our physical and spiritual strength, and we have turned it into a holiday for dissipation and debauchery. He has sent preachers to warn us but we have treated them shamefully. He sent a Savior to redeem us but we crucified Him. Some day God's patience with evil will end; when sin of every kind will be put away and Christ Himself shall rule.

1. All unrighteousness is sin.
2. Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.
3. The thought of foolishness is sin.
4. To neglect duty is sin.
5. Christ was manifested to take away sin.

Sin should be confessed, mourned over, hated, abhorred, put away, departed from, and wholly destroyed.

Salvation from sin is for all now. The conditions are simple, unalterable and universal.

He forgives, He keeps, He delivers, He cleanses.

He died to save.
He lives to make holy.
He is coming for the sanctified.
The ground was cursed on account of sin.
Toil and sorrow were caused by sin.
Death -- the punishment of sin.
Sin excludes from Heaven.

Our best works will fail, fade, crumble, and pass away. The works of the flesh are the products of the operation of the flesh and of sin. The sinner becomes a victim in the hands of the devil and the products are fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, heresies, envyings, drunkenness, revellings, and such like. These factories operated by sin keep the devil's kingdom furnished and furnish hell with multitudes of souls to be damned.

If sins can be blotted out by good deeds on our part then where will we find a list by which we can measure our actions and deeds and to know exactly where we stand? If we give a ton of coal to the poor, how many sins will that act atone for? Will \$25.00 given for religious purposes atone for a certain number of sins? What scales will you use in measuring your actions and deeds, when you desire your deeds and acts to over-balance your sins? How can we know when we have a sufficient amount of good to blot out our sinful record? Can you in one day do enough good deeds to atone for the sins of that day? Does the Bible tell us of certain kinds of deeds to be applied to certain kinds of sin? In all the Scripture you who find no remedy for sin except the shed blood. You cannot risk your soul for all eternity on some private opinion or interpretation. "It is not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to His mercy hath He saved us by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost." So it is when good works are offered to God in payment for evil deeds. The good works will only bring down more severe punishment on the head of the one who tries to bribe God. To offer pay to God is only an assault to His holiness. The debt was paid but only by a guiltless, sinless Savior who stands before the Judgment bar with no sin on Him nor in Him.

God deals with all men in the same way. He looks down in mercy upon those who have never been saved, and never been born again, and though they may be busy in Christian service and admirable acts. God is not influenced by those outward attitudes, but looks into the heart to see if Christ is there. Good works will not alter the heart. Religious service will not change the soul. The Holy Spirit renews the mind and heart and reveals Jesus Christ who wants to become our Savior. And when we are saved by Jesus Christ good works will be the natural result. But this transformation is the result of the incoming of Jesus Christ into the heart and not the result of good works.

The Bible divides the world into two classes: those who are forgiven, saved, redeemed and know it, and those who are still in their sins and lost. Then if we could be saved by good works, we should find some Scripture to tell us how many good works and what kind we should do before the great transaction takes place. God wants us to know definitely we are saved, that we are redeemed, that we are forgiven, and I urge you to never stop seeking until you have a definite experience with God.

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The Effects of Sin

Sin has corrupted the heart, paralyzed the intellect, perverted the will, controlled the passions, destroyed morals and virtue, and the end is not yet.

Sin has interrupted the entire universe. It has turned the creature against the Creator. It turned rebellious angels out of Heaven and disobedient man out of Paradise. It kindles the flames of hell between individuals and nations. It brought the death penalty upon the race and the curse of God upon the earth. It turned man against his fellowmen and drenched the earth in blood. It darkens the eyes with pollution and fills the ears with cursing and blaspheming. Who can look upon the awful work of sin and speak in its favor?

I. Sin defiles what God intended to be holy.

The moral nature, the conscience, the heart, created in the image of God whiter than the driven snow is corrupted by sin. The moral vision is darkened and the discrimination inaccurate until it becomes impossible for the sinner to discriminate between sin and righteousness.

II. Sin is powerful.

Too many have found to their sorrow that the least remains of sin after regeneration has power to germinate and produce the fruits of death.

III. Sin struggles to overthrow.

"The sin which doth so easily beset us." Heb. 12:1.

1. The sin I am most unwilling to own.
2. The sin I try to believe is an infirmity.
3. The sin that causes me to doubt.
4. The sin I do not like to look at and denounce.
5. The sin that makes my sky cloudy.
6. The sin that causes remorse of conscience.
7. The sin I am quick to defend.
8. The sin that most easily leads me captive.

9. The sin that my thoughts dwell upon most.

10. The sin for which I find the most excuses.

11. The sin I avoid naming in prayer.

12. The sin that is as dear to me as my right hand. May God help us to overcome everything that formerly overcame us.

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Results of Sin

1. Ground cursed by sin -- thorns and briar.

2. Pestilence, droughts, floods, tornadoes, and earthquakes.

3. Wounds, bruises, and putrefying sores.

4. Suffering, pain, and disease.

5. Every pain, burden, and broken heart, bed and grave.

6. Setting bad example, and encouraging and enticing others to do wrong.

7. Procrastination in the day of repentance and salvation.

8. When defending the necessity of sin.

9. Boasting of sin.

10. Smiling at sins of others and encouraging them to continue in sin.

11. Ridiculing the reprovers of sin.

12. Holding out a false hope.

Sin blights, sin destroys and damns.

One sin put the angels out of Heaven.

One sin put our first parents out of Eden.

Sin turns angels into demons and men into beasts.

One sin unrepented of and unforsaken will shut us out of Heaven forever.

Sin entered humanity, and humanity became diseased by sin, which ends in death.

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The Causes of Sin

Sin is the cause of all trouble.

Sin causes strikes and wars.

Sin causes anger and murder.

Sin causes jealousy and contention.

Sin causes quarreling and divorces.

Sin causes sickness and sorrow.

Sin fills graveyards.

Sin is blacker than Egyptian darkness.

Sin is worse than a volcanic eruption.

Sin is swifter than a cyclone.

Sin is as merciless as a tiger.

Sin is as ruinous as a famine.

Sin is subtle, treacherous, deceptive, proud, haughty, diabolical, and unsparing.

Sin withers, blights, paralyzes, and damns.

Sin is hell turned loose.

Sin pollutes the mind, warps the will, and sears the conscience, and brings excruciating pain.

Avoid sin as you would a viper. Jesus Christ will forgive every sin.

Try and see.

This world would be a paradise in which to live if there were no sin.

Can you think of a large city without hatred, without malice, without greed, without robbery, without theft, where administrators are clean and holy?

Thoughtful people are asking, "Is there a remedy for sin?" Yes, there is both a cause and a remedy. Hence, remove the cause and apply the remedy -- the blood.

Sin is unnatural to man and when he is made free, he is simple and natural.

Sin brings remorse, fear and darkness. Sin is the cause of domestic unhappiness and misery in the home. It is not poverty that makes men unhappy, it is sin. Sin has its mental consequences.

1. Sin has its hand on the memory.

2. A burden on the conscience.

3. A fetter on the will.

4. Pollution on the mind and darkness to the understanding. We say reverently there is a remedy. Sin is the tragedy, without parallel in history. But the remedy is greater than the disease. The plaster is bigger than the wound. The cleansing is as complete as pardon.

There are many lessons in history to tell us that no nation can sink to the level of drunkenness and debauchery and survive. There is a point beyond which God will not endure mockery. When the point is reached He strikes. He did in the days of Noah. He did in Sodom and Gomorrah. He did in the time of Belshazzar and He will in our day.

1. Sin hardens the understanding.

2. Sin perverts the will.

3. Sin sears the conscience.

4. Sin changes the affections.

5. Sin hurls reason from its lofty throne.

6. Sin will leave its mark upon an individual and upon the nation.

7. Sin leaves its mark upon the home.

8. Sin leaves its mark upon the conscience.

9. Sin leaves its mark upon the body.

10. Sin leaves its mark upon the soul.

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Sin Binds with Cords

We have the broken hearted all about us and until suffering on every hand. Sin has brought many in sorrow to an early grave. Sin in your home causes discord, trouble, suffering, agony, separation, divorce, suicide, and a hell on earth.

The poisonous malaria of lust is sweeping our land and country until we have but little moral standard left. What is God's remedy for sin? To those who do not know Him, there is forgiveness, and to those who know Him, there is cleansing.

If people were more careful about their dress that would help the situation out some. Worldly dress increases pride, encourages vanity, begets jealousy, leads to extravagance, wastes money, detrimental to health, and desires admiration, robs God, and crowds out the best thoughts and feelings.

We need to understand the nature of sin in order to understand the plan of salvation. The devil is the author of it. He concocted it in his own heart in Heaven before the creation of man. It was first seen on earth in the fall of man. "Moreover, as we study the history of sin, we find that sin is unchanging in its essential nature. What it did yesterday, it is doing today, and will continue to do while time rolls on toward eternity. The black, putrid abscess that burst in the dawn of humanity's day has stained every page of subsequent history. Sin not only marred the beautiful garden of Eden but it stained the earth just outside Eden's gate with human blood murderously shed. Sin brought the race into disrepute with God precipitating the flood; and hung a mantle of shame about the remnant of humanity as it emerged from the Ark. Sin confused the people's language at Babel and scattered them to the four winds of the earth never to understand each other again. Sin dragged the most illustrious king that Israel ever knew from his God-given throne and sent him to a premature grave and to a suicide's hell. Sin pulled the once victorious Hebrew nation from the heights of Divine protection, robbing them of their God-given country and sending them into ignominious bondage to the heathen nations, never to know National identity again until Jesus comes. Yes, sin is unchanging in its nature. Alexander the Great conquered the world and wept because there were no more worlds for him to conquer, but he dealt in sin and went down filling a premature grave and a drunkard's hell at the age of twenty-eight. Napoleon Bonaparte marshaled arms on a hundred victorious battlefields, but ambition and egotism -- sin -- he could not conquer. Sin did for him what it has done for everyone that has ever dealt with it. It proved his ruin." You can no more sin and be a Christian than you can steal and be honest, drink and be sober, or lie and be truthful.

If a man sings, he is a singer

If a man preaches, he is a preacher.

If a man paints, he is a painter.

And if he sins, he is a sinner.

One known and unforgiven sin will break fellowship with God. It may be there are those in hell now whose sins are less than yours. One voluntary, known and willful transgression, unrepented of and unforgiven will be sufficient to settle your destiny forever. One sin has brought death to the entire race.

Our peace loving nation has had a war every twenty-two years, and the greatest war of all ages is being fought now -- World War II. But think of a war between sin and salvation for six thousand years.

The average professor of Christianity will laugh at the thought of being saved from sin and being kept by power divine. The public recognizes a Christian as one who is identified with the church, but still going on every day and sinning in thought, word, and deed. Their only hope is an unconditional salvation and provided in the Scriptures for infants and idiots. Surely this indifference and ignorance must be because of the carelessness of both laity and ministry.

God reasons, pities, threatens, condemns, but never compels the sinner to give up sin since he has the power to choose his own course; therefore, man holds his own destiny in his hands.

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Contrast Between Bible and Man

1. Bible says sin is iniquity; man says it is an accident.
2. Bible says sin is blindness; man says it is a blunder.
3. Bible says sin is carnality; man says it is cunning.
4. Bible says sin is a disease; man says it is a defect.
5. Bible says sin is evil; man says it is an error.
6. Bible says sin is a reality; man says it is a fancy only.
7. Bible says sin is godlessness; man says it is gayety.
8. Bible says sin is hereditary; man says it is habit.
9. Bible says sin is just; man says it is a joke.
10. Bible says sin kills; man says it is enjoyable.
11. Bible says sin is lawlessness; man says it is liberty.
12. Bible says sin is madness; man says it is a mistake.

13. Bible says sin is needless; man says it is a necessity.
14. Bible says sin is an obstacle; man says it is an opportunity.
15. Bible says sin is poison; man says it is a play toy.
16. Bible says sin is rebellion; man says it is a relapse.
17. Bible says sin is suicide; man says it is a slip.
18. Bible says sin is a tragedy; man says it is a trifle.
19. Bible says sin is unrighteousness; man says it is unwise.
20. Bible says sin is violence, and viciousness; man says it is vengeance.
21. Bible says sin is wickedness; man says it is weakness.
22. Bible says sin is death; man says it is life.

God measures by quality.
Man measures by quantity.

- a. Sin is essentially wrong.
- b. Sin is against self, against the government of God, and is a calamity.
- c. Sin shuts away from communion and fellowship with God. God's dealings with humanity proves that He hates sin.
- d. Sin will undermine the spiritual. Sinners sell themselves into bondage.
- e. Sinful habits hard to break. Your loss not realized.
- f. The bitter memory of sin.

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Why do Men Sin?

1. Some doubt the truthfulness of Christianity. If you accept and not true, you have lost nothing; if true you have gained every thing.
2. Because of the love of sin.

3. Because men will not repent.
4. Because men are wedded to pleasure.
5. Because men love to make money; no time to be religious.
6. Because of pride.
7. Because of unbelief.

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Contrast Between Holiness and Sin

1. Holiness is restfulness -- normal state. Sin is restlessness.
2. Holiness is freedom. Sin binds with cords and chains.
3. Holiness is honorable. Sin is a reproach to any people.
4. Holiness is purity. Sin is a stain the blood alone can wash away.
5. Holiness is soul health. Sin is a disease of the soul.
6. Holiness is lightness of the heart. Sin is heaviness of the heart.
7. Holiness is prosperity. Sin brings ruin.
8. Holiness is union with God in character and likeness. Sin is union with the devil in character and likeness.
9. Holiness is consistency. Sin causes backsliding and should be eradicated.
10. Holiness is life. Sin is death here and hereafter.
11. Holiness is beautiful. Sin is repulsive.
12. Holiness is attractive. Sin hinders power with God and men.
13. Holiness is God's specialty. Sin is the devil's specialty.
14. Holiness is patience and longsuffering. Sin is selfishness.
15. Holiness is to be courteous and thoughtful of others. Sin is unthoughtfulness of others.
16. Holiness is a fitness for Heaven. Sin shuts a soul out of Heaven and banishes it to hell.

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Differences

1. Difference between being sorry for sin and being sorry because your sin is found out.
2. Difference between confessing your sin and the sin of your neighbor.
3. Difference between confessing your faults and the faults of your neighbor.
4. Difference between conversion of the head and conversion of the heart.
5. Difference between being led by the Holy Spirit and being led by your own imaginations.
6. Difference between contending for the faith and for your own opinion.
7. Difference between a shout of victory and a yell in the wrong place.
8. Difference between being persecuted for Jesus' sake and for your own ignorance.
9. Difference between preaching the word of God and your own opinion.
10. Difference between being bid with Christ in God than being caught in the devil's trap.

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Five Bible Confessions

The Bible teaches the doctrine of confession.

Human experience is full of confession.

Confession occupies a prominent place in the plan of salvation.

Confession should be taught and preached.

1. Confession of our sins to the Lord. Lev. 5:5; Josh. 7:19; Psa. 32:5; Prov. 28:13.
John the Baptist and Jesus Christ. I John 1:9.
2. Confession of Christ. Romans 10: 9-10.
3. Confession of faults. Will help us in misunderstandings and in splits. Jas. 5:16; Gal. 6:1.
4. Confession of special blessings. Regeneration, sanctification, etc.

5. Confess we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

A city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God.

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Three Great Questions

1. The careless sinner. "What have I done?" Jer. 8:6.
2. The undecided sinner. "What shall I do?" Matt. 27:22.
3. The anxious sinner. "What must I do?" Acts 16:30.

I. Why need to be saved?

1. Because you are a rebel against God.
2. Because He loves you.
3. Because He hates sin.
4. Because you are in awful danger.

II. What is it to be saved?

1. Forgiveness of sins to all who repent.
2. Deliverance from hell.
3. A clean conscience.
4. Freedom from the power of sin.
5. Fellowship with God and the saints.

III. What must I do to be saved?

1. Seek God with all your heart.
2. Repent and believe -- He loves the sinner.
3. Do what you can.
4. Inquire about it.

5. Seek in earnest.
6. Believe heartily.
7. Be thorough. Formal religion is a delusion.

IV. Do it quickly.

1. Need saving because you are in danger.
2. Today. Tomorrow may be too late.

V. What must I do to be damned?

1. Fear public opinion.
2. Keep bad company.
3. Drown conviction.
4. Live for the pleasures of this life.
5. Resist the Spirit.
6. Despise salvation.
7. Neglect God.
8. Neglect your soul.
9. Wait until tomorrow.
10. Die as you live -- Procrastinate.

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Should Christians Sin?

All intelligent persons and Christians agree that they should not sin.

One who is born of God will not unless it is the sin of ignorance.

We have a divine nature and salvation through the blood.

What sin can you commit and get to Heaven?

1. To sin contradicts the word Christian.

2. To sin paves the way to perdition.

Christians and sin as far apart as love and murder, Heaven and hell.

The Holy Spirit can only work through people free from sin.

3. God made provision to remove sin; if not, our religion not ahead of the heathen religion.

4. Is it necessary to sin occasionally? No open door for sin.

5. If you sin it is not because you have to, but want to.

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If Christians Sin --

a. It hurts yourself.

b. It hurts your brethren.

c. It hurts the heart of Jesus Christ.

1. Sin is a departure from God.

2. Sin is rebellion in heart against God.

3. Sin is an awful fact, destroys our will power and we become its victims.

4. Sin works by no set method.

5. Sin has a way to ruin every soul.

6. Sin without restraint will pull man from path of duty and cause him to neglect means of grace.

7. Sin makes world a mansion of lust and causes you to bow down and worship fame and honor.

8. Sin murders the soul and its withering and blasting effects are felt in this life and go into eternity to be perpetuated there.

The slave who goes through life as such can rejoice at the prospect of laying down his burdens in this life. But for the slave of sin, there is not hope at death, only end of all hopes, and commencement of the greatest miseries.

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Modernism will not smooth your pillow in the dying hour.

Church-anity will not supply you with one ray of hope in the hour of death.

Riches will be Valueless

1. Burden of getting them.
2. Fear of keeping them.
3. Temptation of using them.
4. Sorrow of losing them.
5. And final burden of accounting for them at the Judgment.

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Sin Opposes God's Laws

God is not the author of sin as" it is inconsistent with His nature.

The devil is the instigator of sin and man is the object he deceives. Faults, infirmities, mistakes, and human weaknesses will remain with us. But we should shun sin as a deadly serpent or fatal poison.

1. Sin is the willful violation of a known law.
2. Sin is a personal act for which we are responsible.
3. Sin is a fearful thing if we judge it by its consequences.
4. Sin is the greatest tragedy of the human race.
5. Sin separates us from God.
6. All sin must be acknowledged and confessed. No confession -- no salvation.
7. Confession of sin to man must meet all the demands of honesty.

8. Confession makes forgiveness possible.

9. God forgives all we confess and forsake. He wants to save everybody He can, from all the sin He can, just as soon as He can.

10. Repentance and faith the measure of your relationship with God. This world is the sinner's heaven and the believer's hell. Sinners get their best now; believers get their worst now.

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Why we need to give up Sin

1. It's the only way to avoid hell.

2. It's the only way to attain Heaven.

3. It's the only way to be with the best people.

4. It's the only way to render proper service to the world.

5. It's the only way to receive life and it more abundantly.

6. It's the only way to make most of present life.

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Why Avoid Sin?

1. Because it is offensive to God.

2. Because it is pernicious to myself.

3. Because it blasts society.

4. Because it damages the church.

5. Because it cost Jesus His life.

6. Because its wages is death.

Sin not Regulated but Crucified

Sin is the leprosy of the soul.

Sin is a moral uncleanness.

Sin is contagious. One sinner destroys much good. One bad boy degrades many.

Sin is incurable as to human means.

Education, culture, refinement. These all are excellent but no relief.

Sin is a cruel monster.

Sin has wrecked humanity world over.

Sin said Jesus Christ was a deceiver, mocked Him, pierced His side, spit in His face and crowned Him with thorns.

Sin tried to rob Him of His resurrection.

Sin put a stone at the door and set guard.

Devil is a creature of sin.

Devil did not cause sin.

Sin produced the devil.

All devils the result of sin.

Hell, the result of sin.

Hell will be occupied with people who would not give up sin.

Sin causes all forms of trouble.

Sin digs graves and makes coffins.

Sin wears the burial shroud.

The Hearse is the result of sin, vacant chairs, widows, orphans, Sabbath desecration, deception, hypocrisy, divorce, crime, etc.

When Lincoln, Garfield, and McKinley were assassinated and the guilty parties were found, it was universally believed that sin is being punished as sin kills beyond the tomb.

Sin is an awful reality. Sin is an act, or principle. A disposition and an evil nature. No amount of reasoning, philosophizing and modernizing will take out of sin the sting.

1. Sin inhabits the soul.

2. Sin deceives.
3. Sin brings us into bondage.
4. Sin makes us miserable.
5. Sin is in no way, shape, form, style, or fashion necessary to human happiness.

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The Transgressor's Way is Hard

1. It is in love, He made the way hard. Satan -- a hard taskmaster and a poor paymaster.
2. Many go when it is hard. What if it were easy?
3. Think of results if no penalty attached.
4. Salvation is uphill but not easy.
5. Have a clear conscience and know you are right, and go ahead.
6. As this is important to the whole human family, for all crime, misery, and wars came out of transgressions. Sin dug first grave -- been at it ever since.
7. Transgressions dim spiritual eyes and cause spiritual death.
8. Transgressions will harden.
9. Transgressions are incurable by man. Eats by degrees.
10. Transgressions are stubborn facts with terrible consequences.
11. Transgressions destroy happiness -- is contagious.
12. Transgression turned first parents out of garden.
13. Transgressions wrecked hearts and lives of men and nations.
14. Transgressions are dangerous and fatal,
15. Transgressions will bring our punishment and damnation.

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The Transgressor is Restless

Because of conscience.

Because of memory.

Because of secret sins.

Because of his choice.

He has no lasting happiness here or hereafter.

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Where is Happiness Found?

1. Not in unbelief -- Voltaire had it but said, "I wish I had never been born."

2. Not in money. Jay Gould, millionaire, had money but said, "I am the most miserable devil on earth."

3. Not in position or fame. Lord Beaconsfield said, "Youth is a mistake, manhood is a struggle, and old age a regret."

4. Not in military glory. Alexander the Great conquered the known world and wept because no more worlds to conquer.

But real, lasting, abiding happiness is found in Jesus Christ alone!

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Sin's Deceitfulness Ezekiel 18

You may do like many of these and still be lost.

1. You may offer like Cain. Gen. 4:3.

2. Weep like Esau. Gen. 27:38.

3. Leave Sodom like Lot's wife. Gem 19:26.

4. Be zealous for God like Israel. Rom. 10:2.

5. Serve like Gehazi. II Kings 5:20.

6. Tremble like Felix. Acts 24:25.

7. Be a disciple like Judas. Acts 1:25.
8. Take part in service like Micah. Judges 17:5.
9. Make long prayers like the Pharisees. Matt. 23:14
10. Prophesy like Saul. I Sam. 1:10.
11. Have a godly Father like Solomon had.
12. Have lamps like the foolish virgins. Matt. 25:1-13.
13. Be near the kingdom like the young man. Matt. 19:16.
14. Be almost a Christian like Agrippa. Acts 26:28.

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Sin's Restlessness Isaiah 48:22.

1. Sin does not satisfy.
2. Restless in heart.
3. Restless in the home.
4. Restless in business.
5. Restless in pleasure.
6. Restless in adversity.
7. Restless under searching truth.
8. Restless facing death.

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Sin's Destructiveness James 1:15

Sin is destructive in:

I. It's Origin

1. It marred Heaven.

2. It marred the earth.
3. It marred the human race.

II. Its History.

1. Antediluvians.
2. Canaanites.
3. Sodom and Gomorrah.
4. Judah and Israel
5. Jerusalem 70 A. D.
6. Babylonian, Greek, Roman Empires.
7. French and German nations.

III. Its Manifestations.

1. Hatred, murder, and war.
2. Greed and covetousness.
3. Social sins and racial suicides.
4. Alcoholic drinks.
5. Tobacco.
6. Jealousy.
7. Anger generates poison.
8. Revelry and dissipation.

IV. Its Final Analysis.

Is everlasting destruction.

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The Promise of Sin.

Sin promises great things, but it never gives what it promises. The crowns of sin are never real but only a sham. Dr. W. L. Watkins says, "Sin is full of illusions, impositions and mockery. The prizes of sin and worldliness are always cruel shams. They look well, they seem splendid, they shine from afar, they captivate the imagination, they kindle ambition and desire, but they lack in reality: when you lay hold upon them they are but tantalizing vapors. Sinners never do the grand things for which they sell themselves." Sin promises a great deal but pays off in counterfeit money. The devil promised Adam and Eve the knowledge of good and evil and that they would have knowledge as God, but paid them with aches, pains, sorrow, thorns and briars.

The devil promised Achan a wedge of gold and a beautiful Babylonish garment, but when he got them he had to bury them in his tent and in the end they buried him.

Sinful ambition promised Napoleon universal conquest and glory and he lived the last years of his life in prison.

It is not only the great Herods and Napoleons and Nebuchadnezzars who are eaten with worms, or sent to eat grass like oxen. God is no respecter of persons, and it is as true now as it was when he wrote the Galatians. "He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap everlasting life." You may think you are deceiving God but in the end you will find you are mistaken. If you only plan and labor to gain money and influence, you will be a weakling in God's sight. But when a man builds on prosperity, pride, vanity and selfishness and cares not what the results will be, his glory dies with him. Anything you obtain by sinning against God and doing violence to your conscience you may be sure will lose all its preciousness and sweetness.

The prisoners of sin are the saddest prisoners in the world; but, thank God; there is no bondage of iniquity so cruel, and no prison of sin so dark, that the light of God's mercy does not shine into it and offer to lead the prisoner out to liberty and freedom.

I do not ask you to make me a promise that you wilt do better, cast off some besetting sin, or break loose from some peculiar, uncomfortable vice; but I come to you in the name of Jesus Christ, who came down from Heaven and died on the cross to redeem not only from the guilt, but from the power of sin, and sever your connection with all sin and give yourself to Him who is able to save you, cleanse you and keep you pure.

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Redemption Through Christ

Our Redeemer is holy. A sinful being could not redeem sinners. The teaching of the Bible on this subject is in harmony with the demands of reason and science. "For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the Heavens." Hebrews 7:26. "Yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15.

"Him who knew no sin He made to be sin." II Cor. 5:2. "Who did no sin, neither was any guile found in His mouth." I Peter 2:22. "Christ also suffered for sin once; the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God." I Peter 3:18.

It is an evident fact that man is morally depraved and sinful. He is "dead in trespasses and sins," He has no power to set himself free from the bondage of sin and cleanse himself from natural defilements. He needs to get in touch with a power that will save. For this ethical purpose, the plan of redemption through Christ was decreed and set into operation through the love and grace of God, He is willing to forgive and save every one who comes to the age of responsibility, and being conscience of the personal presence of the pure and Immaculate One. Man desires a pure heart and to live a pure life. Even a desire for the impure must come out, and he must abhor the sinful. More than that, His personal presence is a comfort and help to the Bible Christian.

Sin is rebellion against God and a reproach to any people, while some are secret sins yet they are disgraceful, While a fountain was opened for sin and Jesus was manifested to take away sin and in Him is no sin. Every Christian should warn the wicked to forsake sin, keep free from everything of a sinful nature for sin excludes from Heaven,

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Sin is Two-fold

First, as an evil in man, and second, as an evil done in man. One is a sinful state, and the other a sinful practice. A sinful practice is the transgression of the law. A sinful state implies a bent to evil and a corrupt nature. It has been said, "Man is not a sinner because he does evil; he does evil because he is a sinner." For the guilty sinner, there is forgiveness, and for the depraved Christian, there is cleansing. The convicted sinner should seek forgiveness. The convicted believer should seek holiness of heart and life.

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The Danger of Sin

There is a more religious delusion in the world today than has been since the fall of man. For one to say we have to sin every day in thought, word, and deed is illogical, unreasonable, absurd and preposterous, yes, unscriptural Sin is dark and expensive. If you could see the exceeding sinfulness of man you would see the need of a Savior. Sin is not an homespun idea originated by some theologian but an awful reality. You are opening the flood gates of damnation to your grandchildren because of your sins. If you could only realize what sin is, and what a grip it has on you, then you would surely want to get rid of it.

Sin will not let you stay put. Sin is always trying to have you appear really better inwardly than your inward excellences would warrant. Sin loves the esteem of mankind. Only God's grace can save you from your sins.

The work of the Holy Spirit is to deal with sin. Sin came into the world and sin still interferes with the plan of God. Sin involved the race and affected the whole of mankind. The Bible points out the guilt of sin, the being of sin, the wages of sin, yes, the remedy for all sin. It tells of a Redeemer, a Savior who can break every shackle and set the captive free. Let the reader yield yourself to Jesus Christ to heed His message, to obey His voice, to do His will, to follow His guidance and leadership, to know His saving and cleansing power and have all that comes to us through being saved and cleansed from all sin.

An important step towards salvation is repentance. No salvation is possible without repentance. You might as well ask a man to swim the ocean with a hundred pound weight on his back as to ask him to be saved while he clings to sin and sinful habits. Repentance will not only cause sorrow of heart because of sin but cause you to turn from it with sorrow and earnestness of heart to what God requires and demands.

We read sometimes that in case of shipwreck the life boats are insufficient, and passengers are so crazed with a sense of danger that they forget everything but the fear of death and their desire to live, and fight for a place in the life boat. But in the life-boat launched by Jesus Christ to save sinners, there is room for all. "He is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him."

But those who launch their boat upon the stream of sin and wrong doing know beforehand that it is a river of increasing danger. Its current is strong and treacherous; there is an awful undercurrent. There are dangerous rapids and upon its bosom you find floating skeletons of victims beaten to death upon the cruel rocks of sin. And whoever launches his boat upon the stream of sin does so in the face of ten thousand warnings that, though it may seem safe, the end is the way of death.

Turning over a new leaf will not solve the sin question, for "The wages of sin is death." Dr. Godbey said, "A radical repentance puts the sinner on believing ground." Sin is not an accident, infirmity, nor a weakness. Sin is a raging principle and will likely cause trouble any time. Joseph Parker said, "Sin is a clenched fist, a blow in the face of God." To call on a supreme power indicates a sense of helplessness and need. Jesus is the only remedy for the sin problem.

National changes are taking place that are heart-breaking; home life is suffering because of a down-break of parental authority; in many circles cocktail parties and immoral sprees seem to be the order of the day. Moral restraint is history. Sex appeal and vice is universal and immodesty is held up and worshipped by the movie-going Americans.

In almost every church discipline you will find the following or the equivalent. "Original sin is that corruption of the nature of all the offspring of Adam, by reason of which every one is destitute of original righteousness." "All have sinned." It cannot be denied or ignored. You may try to educate or practice psychology upon it but it will not work. Any cure other than the blood is no cure at all.

Jesus can break the power of canceled sin. That one who has been bound all these years is set free. Sin has damaged the mind. Before you are saved your thinking machinery was not

adjusted. The natural mind is dark; you can't even think right, but Jesus alone can handle your case. Sin is an awful power. But Jesus is master of the situation. He defeated Satan and came out a victor. Now Jesus has formulated a plan for your recovery -- it is the plan of redemption.

The world has philosophers and reformers but only one who can bear sin. There are religious teachers and prophets but only one who can save from sin. There are many voices of confusion but only one voice of certainty who can say, "Thy sins be forgiven thee."

Our entire race is broken and bleeding because of the malady of sin. We know of no cure but Jesus and the shed blood. Let us battle our way against sin and the wrong until we can hear a voice saying, "Go in peace and sin no more." The main issue that confronts us today is the sin question and how to meet it and settle it. And how we settle this question determines the destiny of nations, races and civilization.

Sin causes war and brings on social diseases. Sin, prejudice and hatred broaden the chasm between races and nations and its end is wars and rumors of wars. The riches of the earth are being spent, the earth is becoming a cemetery and the end is not yet. But all enduring victories and lasting peace must center upon the "Prince of Peace."

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Sins of Omission

1. Omit secret prayer.
2. Omit study of the Word.
3. Do not attend worship.
4. Do not win souls.
5. Do not testify.
6. Do not sacrifice.
7. Do not confess your faults.
8. Do not trust Christ.

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Sins of Commission

1. Criticize everybody.
2. Trifle with God's Word.
3. Mingle with the world.
4. Compare yourself with others.
5. Do doubtful things.
6. Find fault with God's people.
7. Trust in a past experience.
8. Lean upon own understanding.

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From What Are We Saved?

1. From the guilt of sin.
2. From the tyranny of sin.
3. From the love of sin.
4. From the defilement of sin.
5. From the punishment of sin.
6. From the burden of sin.
7. From the bondage of sin.
8. From the power of sin.
9. From the stains of sin.
10. From the roots of sin.

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The Background of Sin

1. Sin secures wages.
2. The sinner is the servant of his master, the devil.
3. He toils from youth to old age, day and night; never known to get a vacation.

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How Sin Kills

1. It undermines character.
2. It destroys peace.
3. It is always at war with love.
4. It blackens and starves.
5. It blights eternally.

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The Repenting Sinner

1. He is convinced of sin.
2. He is sorry for sin.
3. He is alarmed about its consequences.
4. He confesses and renounces it.

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Your sin will probably find you out in this world.

- a. Because God sees it when it is committed.

- b. Because the sinner's conscience often betrays him.
- c. Because it will be revealed at that last and great day.

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Little Sins

- 1. A spirit of frivolity.
- 2. Conformity to the world.
- 3. Pride of heart.
- 4. Uncharitable conversations.

They Injure Us

- 1. They interfere with our devotion.
- 2. They make a way for greater sins.
- 3. They harden our consciences.
- 4. They capture and destroy us.

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The Realities of Sin

- 1. The fact of sin.
- 2. The nature of sin.
- 3. The effect of sin.
- 4. The fruits of sin.
- 5. The remedy for sin.
- 6. The characteristics of sin.

Sin is rebellion, deceitfulness and slavery.

- a. Sin multiplies.
- b. Sin testifies against us.
- c. Our sin is with us.
- d. We know them.

Progress in sin as in grace.

Longer you hold to sin, the longer sin will hold to you.

I am concerned about where I will go when I leave this world.

Heaven is the reward of the righteous.

Hell is the penalty of sin.

Sin is humiliating, glorifies the devil and is the work of the devil.

Sin is a tremendous and awful fact, whose existence no man can deny unless he is a fool or a willful liar. If you desire a proof of the existence of sin in the world, I point you to the wars and rumors of wars as they sweep the entire world and have been for the last six thousand years.

As you read ancient and modern history you will find sin written all over its pages in letters of blood. Yes, the pages of history are dripping with blood. War is scientific murder and has been the chief occupation of mankind since Cain murdered his brother, Abel. To deny the existence of sin is to contradict the history of all nations.

Man made in the image of God full of sin and liquor has been known to stab his wife, strangle his children and then cut his own throat; hence, sin is in the world and is the most undeniable fact of today; and any man who would deny the existence of sin would be a fit subject for an insane asylum.

Jesus Christ is the only One Who can untwist the coils of sin from around you and deliver you from the bitter pangs of sin. Jesus Christ alone has the power to forgive your sins; and when He forgives you are then as innocent in the sight of Heaven as though you had never sinned.

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What Jesus Taught Concerning Sin

1. That all sin is slavery.
2. That the greatest sin is unbelief.
3. That all sin is essentially wrong.
4. That He can forgive actual sins, and cleanse from inbred sin.

The purpose of His coming was to handle the sin question. His Word settles it, for one ounce of Divine Revelation is worth a ton of scholastic speculation.

Sin is two-fold -- an act and a principle.

They differ as a court-house differs from a hospital.

At the court-house, they settle questions of law.

At the hospital they care for the sick.

He will save everybody He can from all the sin He can, just as soon as He can.

Sin is in no way, shape or form, style or fashion, necessary to human happiness.

He brought no sin; He caught no sin.

He taught no sin; He thought no sin. He sought no sin. He wrought no sin. And He fought all sin.

You do not sin because you have to but because you want to.

1. To sin you hurt yourself.
2. To sin you hurt your brethren.
3. To sin you cast a reflection on your church.
4. To sin you hurt the great heart of God.

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The Robbing Power of Sin

1. Sin will hurt your own soul.
2. Sin injures, cripples every faculty of soul and body.
3. Sin is its own detective and "Be sure your sin will find you out."
4. Sin robs of knowing God and walking with God. 5. Sin dethrones God and enthrones carnality.
6. Sin affects your spiritual hearing and taste.
7. Sin weakens your personality and leaves you a fit subject for the scrap heap of the universe.
8. Sin tears down what good men build up. It will take hundreds of years to build up what sin is tearing down now in the present World War.
9. Sin wrongs you and leaves you on the high stormy sea of life without chart or compass.
10. Sin kills beyond the tomb.
 - a. Sin is fatal and heartless.
 - b. Sin is no longer a joke.
 - c. Sin has no pets.
 - d. Sin is deceitful and cunning.
 - e. Sin leads to a wrong destiny.

Jesus came into the world that the world through Him might be saved. He was not merely a great teacher, a great reformer, a great humanitarian but a great Savior. He came to save His people from their sins. In this, He stands alone. He is the only Savior from sin who has ever stood upon the earth.

When Jesus forgives He forgives every sin. He does not forgive one sin at a time. He forgives sins in the mass. He does not take away a mountain of guilt by removing one grain at a

time. He lifts the whole mountain of sin all at once and hurls it into the sea of forgetfulness in the twinkling of an eye.

Any salvation that does not save from the power and guilt of sin does not save at all. A drunkard is not saved from drunkenness if he keeps on getting drunk. A liar is not saved from lying if he keeps on telling lies. A profane swearer is not saved from profanity if he keeps on swearing. A sinner is not saved from sin if he keeps on committing actual sins.

The salvation that Jesus gives is not salvation from imperfection of judgment, from weakness of memory, or from infirmities of the body. It is not salvation from temptations, or sorrows, or losses, or crosses, or mistakes but it is a salvation from sin. It is a perfect salvation from sin. It is perfect redemption, perfect pardon, perfect regeneration and perfect sanctification.

Christian Perfection does not mean exemption from temptation. The holiest souls are tempted to sin. The more like Jesus you become, the more the Prince of Darkness will try to harass and destroy. The perfect Christian is not a man who cannot sin. No man this side of the grave will reach a place where he cannot fall.

Sin always springs from a bad heart. Infirmities may come from a physical condition. Sins are curable in this life. Infirmities must be endured till "Mortality is swallowed up of life."

Nothing is more certain in this world than the existence of sin. Yet there are people so deluded by sin as to say there is no such thing as sin. Think of a blindman saying there is no such thing as a tree but every way he goes he runs against a tree. Sin is all about us the same as trees are in that forest yonder.

Sin batters, bruises, blinds and mangles. Sin is a terrible fact and an awful reality. For thousands of years this world has been full of lying and drunkenness, profanity and adultery, murder and hate with many other kindred evils. This world is darkened, stained, blighted, cursed and ruined by sin. Sin is the cause of pain, shame, sorrow, degradation and death. Sin is your enemy, the enemy of the human race and if you are not on the lookout it will get you yet.

What is sin? Theologians say, "It is a voluntary violation of the known laws of God." Sin is a viper, which fastens its fangs in the soul, and fills you with the poison of death. Sin is a serpent, which will twist its slimy coil around your soul and crush out its life. Sin is a whirl pool which draws the soul into eternal perdition. Sin is a loathsome and incurable disease, which turns beauty into rotteness and putrefying sores. Sin is a chain which when thrown about you will pull you into its embrace and then leap into the fiery gulf. Sin blights the fairest bloom of youth. Sin will break the hearts of parents and in sorrow bring them to an early grave. Sin sows discord in the home, in the church and in the community. Sin turns the softest heart into a heart of steel and iron. Sin hurls reason from the throne and drags man to the bottom of the gutter.

"Sin hardens the heart, dulls the conscience, wrecks the mind, ruins the body, and damns the soul. When sin gets through with your mind, it dumps it into the insane asylum; when sin gets through with your body, it dumps it into the grave; when sin gets through with your soul, it dumps it into hell."

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Five Facts About Sin

1. Sin grows. One sin unrepented of always leads to a greater sin.
2. Sin deceives. Sin may put on a beautiful smile as you walk out into the beautiful path of worldly delight. But what about the end thereof?
3. Sin produces moral insanity. The lunatic may deem himself very unhappy but he is the object of pity to every passer by. Yet he is not any more insane than those in Satan's prison house bound by the cords of sin and call themselves free; any moment likely to slip into the flames of damnation.
4. Sin kills. Poison will bring instant death to the most robust body and sins unforgiven will bring eternal torment. Your sins unrepented of will cause you to lament in hell a thousand years from now.
5. Sin marks, disfigures and pollutes.

Poverty, slander, persecution and bereavements do not harm the soul but rather polish and beautify character but the most insignificant sin will leave its mark. Many have gone to their graves with scars on their bodies they received as they walked into the by-paths of sin. How to get rid of sin is a question of infinite importance to every human being. After our actual sins are washed away with the blood of Christ, then the question of all questions to us and to all mankind is how to get rid of the sin principle.

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Some Things Will Not Take Away Sin

1. Tears will not. It is the blood, not tears.
2. Water baptism will not. To say that water can wash your sins away, such teaching is the very depth of stupidity and folly. Water can cleanse the body but it cannot reach the soul. Water applied as a religious rite is a beautiful symbol of the cleansing power of God previously bestowed. If you could make a pilgrimage to the sacred Jordan and one of the apostles would rise from the dead and locate the very spot where Jesus was baptized and give you a similar baptism, you would come up out of the Jordan as vile and as sinful as you went in.
3. The white-wash of outward morality will not take away sin. White-wash merely hides but does not remove impurity.
4. The fires of hell cannot deliver from sin. What will deliver from sin? "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin." Only one fountain opened for sin and cleansing, and this

fountain has been opened to the whole human race. Have you been to the fountain filled with blood and been saved and cleansed? Such is your privilege here and now. "Who are these arrayed in white and whence came they?" The answer, "These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

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What is Sin?

The origin of sin is wrapped in obscurity. The Scriptures throw little light on the subject. Its introduction into the human race is recorded in the third chapter of Genesis.

Sin Came in a Four-fold Way

1. Through Satan's malignity;
2. Through the serpent's enticement;
3. Through woman's deception;
4. Through man's disobedience.

Sin is a sad and terrible reality. This fact may be proven in three ways, namely: by the Scriptures, by the testimony of man, and by the witness of conscience.

The teaching of the Scriptures is clear and unmistakable. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23.

A Roman philosopher said, "We have all sinned, some more and some less."

The Chinese proverb runs: "There are two good men: one is dead, and the other is not born yet."

Conscience gives us a clear witness of the existence of sin. Everyone knows that he is a sinner. No one who has reached the years of responsibility has ever lived free from the sense of personal guilt and moral defilement. Remorse of conscience for wrong doing hounds all the sons and daughters of Adam's race, while the sad and terrible consequences of sin are seen and felt in the realms of the moral, mental, physical, and spiritual.

Men never did agree with God that sin is "exceeding sinful." Some have actually denied the very existence of sin. Some regard it as an accident, an infirmity or a disease. Some have called it a human weakness. Some have thought it necessary to human existence. And some have gone so far as to call it a means of grace which is an aid to humility.

The meaning of sin is to literally miss the mark, a going beyond, a coming short, or a falling aside.

Sin is the opposite of righteousness, a disposition, and an awful evil habit.

Sin is a revolt against rightful authority. It is transgression of right; it is to cross over or go beyond a line.

It means a failure where one should have stood.

Scriptural Definitions of Sin:

Prov. 21:4; Prov. 24:9; Jno. 16:8; Rom. 14:23; Jno. 4: 17; I Jno. 3:4; I Jno. 5:17.

Theological Definitions of Sin:

1. Sin is the transgression of, or lack of conformity to the law of God.
2. Sin is insubordination.
3. Sin is a lack of conformity to God and His laws. Sin may be viewed in four aspects: Against God; against His divine laws; against man; and against self.
 1. Sin is rebellion or a failure to love God supremely.
 2. Sin against the divine law is either a willful transgression, or a violation through ignorance.
 3. Sin against man is either injustice or failure to love him as you should.
 4. Sin against oneself is either selfish or corruption. Mr. Finney said, "Sin is selfishness."

Sin in Two Forms

The Bible and theologians of both past and present distinguish between sin and sins. Paul speaks of sin as "the carnal mind," "the old man." The sin nature is the by-product of our fallen nature. There is a prone to evil, the theologians call it depravity. This nature is manifested by temper, deceit, fits, and spasms. The human heart is prone to evil as the sparks fly upward.

No doubt many have theories and twisted purposes to fit their motives. This is the outcropping of carnality. The old man will blind your eyes and you will never see clearly until your heart is made pure by the precious blood of Christ.

When playing with sin you are dealing with God's highest explosives, and if you continue in sin you will at your eternal peril.

True faith in the meritorious and substitutionary death of Jesus Christ is the only means whereby we can be saved and implicit faith in the same blood brings the cleansing of our natures from carnality, the stump and roots of sin.

Genuine repentance means that we must confess our sins to the Lord and forsake them. "Whosoever confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." And we must promise God that we are done with the sin business. He will not forgive as long as one sin remains unconfessed. Unconfessed sins never go under the blood. Here is where restitution comes in. One is not merely to take an inventory of one's life and stop there but must back track and make right the wrongs of the past. Some had rather die and go to perdition than pay the full price, but this is exactly the price one must pay. Jesus Christ was a Jew but there are no bargain counters when it comes to salvation. You cannot Jew down the price. We must pay the last farthing.

The Greek word for sin literally means to miss the mark. A sinner has missed the way. His life is lost to good; a soul has lost the way; made shipwreck of existence, perverted his powers, abused his opportunities and will eternally perish. In spite of amazing grace and divine love he is guilty of spiritual and eternal suicide. To lose a life is utterly a catastrophe, but to miss the mark and lose the soul is an awful tragedy.

The Exceeding Sinfulness of Sin I John 2:1.

I. The Bible sets forth the nature of sin.

1. A falling short of the demands of God.
2. Acting in opposition to the Bible.

II. The Bible shows the evils of sin.

1. It dishonors God in all its relations.
2. It depraves the soul.
3. It brings guilt on the conscience.
4. It never exhausts itself.
5. It offends a gracious God.
6. It wounds a loving Savior.
7. It breaks a holy law.
8. It defiles a precious soul
9. It hinders from doing good.
10. It culminates in hell.

III. The pleasures of sin.

1. There may be pleasures of sin.
2. They are but brutish pleasures.
3. They are but momentary.
4. They cost the loss of greater pleasures.
5. They end in sadness and misery.

IV. What we usually call little sins.

1. A spirit of frivolity.
 2. Conformity to the world.
 3. Pride of heart.
 4. Uncharitable conversations.
- V. The injury which little sins do.

1. They interfere with our devotions.
2. They make room for greater sins.
3. They burden our conscience.

VI. How to treat little sins.

1. Capture, destroy, repent and forsake.
2. Persons were discussing the best way to get rid of sin.

The first said to meditate on the subject of death.

The second said to meditate on the Judgment.

The third said to meditate on the joys of Heaven.

The fourth said to meditate on the torments of hell.

The fifth said to meditate on the blood and the sufferings of Christ, and be sure the last is the choicest and strongest motive of them all.

Sin is glaringly visible, thrustingly ugly, and tragically everywhere. Sin is a collision of your will with the will of God. Collision means a wreck. Look, if you please, at the wrecked lives and homes caused by sin.

Horace Mann of Boston, one hundred years ago, worked out the free public school system of the nation. He thought that a tax supported school system would eliminate crime. But sad the time has come when they are headquarters for hotbeds of crime. The prisons and penitentiaries of today could furnish men and women who are educationally equipped to grace any college or state university faculty. Hence, education does not improve sin, but an educated crook is one of the worst men we have to deal with.

The wages of sin is costly. Sin is often adorned in the most dazzling colors.

It has been said that the old theology of sin is dying out and that false religions and false philosophies are being substituted in its stead.

Nations, like people are forgetting God. Many have become dust and ashes after leaving God off their program. Babylon, Tyre, Sidon, Greece, Rome, Spain, France and others are examples of such. Drunkenness and riotous living prevail every where and we wonder what next.

A moral standard today is almost a thing of the past. The morals are desperately low. The judges and police of our country tell us that a large percent of the moral delinquency of the nation is found among the young. The war conditions play an important part. But the movies had ruined the young beyond a question before the war began. Today tens of thousands are found at picture shows, bowing to the god of pleasure, when they should be at church.

We are living in an awful age. Sin is prominent as in the days of Noah. Universally speaking very few have not been touched by sin. Sin may not come out in the form of theft, adultery, or murder; but don't fool yourself by saying, we are prominent in church circles. You may teach a Bible class, and belong to the official group and pray and testify; I am not trying to shatter your confidence but it might do you well to read: "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart."

One act of disobedience to the known law of God is sin. "Sin is the transgression of the law;" "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin;" "All unrighteousness is sin;" "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin." Neglect God's way, you sin, and will be eternally lost.

Three Great Themes Running Through the Bible

- I. Man is lost in sin, without hope and without God.
- II. There is no salvation except through the blood of Jesus Christ.
- III. Those who accept Him will be saved and those who reject Him will be lost eternally.

Redemption From Sin, Rev. 1:5,6.

1. The foundation of human Redemption from sin is the love of God.
2. The conscious realization of our redemption -- He has washed us from our sins in His own blood.
3. The privileges of our Redemption -- We are made Kings and Priests.
4. The glory of our redemption -- To Him be glory and dominion forever.

Two-fold Purpose of Redemption

First, restoration from sin to holiness.

Second, restoration to fellowship with God.

Two Great Sins in Life

- a. A desire to get rich.
- b. A desire for prestige and power.

Five Reasons You Should be Saved, Ezek. 33:11

I. Because you are lost.

1. All who live in sin are lost now.
2. Unless saved will be eternally lost.

II. Because it is right.

1. We are what we are by choice.
2. Our choice leads to destiny.
3. A holy life is the only right way to live.
4. We owe our life to God.
5. Salvation will start you in the right direction.

III. Because it is reasonable.

1. In its demands.
2. In its standards.
3. In its provisions.

IV. Because of its worth and its benefits.

1. Its benefits are temporal, moral, physical and eternal.
2. Makes better men and women.
3. Satisfies perfectly and fully.

V. Because of the future.

1. You must meet God -- Salvation prepares you.

2. You must die -- It gets you ready.

3. You will be at the Judgment.

4. You must spend eternity somewhere.

I. A life of sin is unreasonable because

1. It confers no benefits or blessings.

2. It brings misery and trouble to all who indulge in it.

3. It is a life of disappointment.

4. It is not a normal life.

5. It is a life of ingratitude to God.

6. It makes man a rebel.

7. Its pleasures are temporary.

8. It lowers man in the scale of mortal being.

9. It ruins man physically, intellectually, morally, and spiritually.

10. It ruins homes, lives, and nations.

11. It is a life thrown away.

12. It gives no hope for the future.

13. It fills death with terror.

14. It unfits one for Heaven.

15. It ends in hell eternally.

II. The Christian life is reasonable because

1. You were created for a purpose.

2. You belong to God by purchase right.

"Ye are bought with a price, the precious blood of Jesus."

3. All Heaven are interested in your conversion. God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, and angels will celebrate your conversion.

4. All good things come from God whom you refuse to serve.

You owe Him your best service.

5. It is a service that betters humanity.

6. It saves from eternal wrath your just deserts.

7. It secures Heaven as your eternal reward.

Sin, an Offense

By one man's offense death reigned. The scriptures point to this as the world's darkest tragedy. Humanity began its downward course leaving behind sorrow, disease, pain, and death. Satan's fallen nature provokes him to endless war against everything good in God's universe. He considers this his master stroke, hence, humanity is hell bound. But listen, "God sent forth His Son." Therefore, Satan is crowded out.

So everyone of us has felt the effects of sin, -- one's own sins as well as the sins of others. Sin may come to you in culture, silk, and broadcloth, but "at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "But where sin abounds, grace doth abound much more exceedingly." R. V.

See God's only begotten Son as He hangs on Calvary providing salvation for the world lost in sin.

The offense brought condemnation. But God's Son brought fortification. His grace goes deeper than the effects of sin have gone. The remedy will reach deeper than the sea, higher than the Heavens, farther than the East is from the West will He remove our sins from us. It's about time for someone to have a shouting spell.

Mocking at Sin

"Fools make a mock of sin." Prov. 14:9

Sin is the moral malady of God's Universe.

Its existence is mysterious.

Its birth is unexplainable.

Its influence is far reaching and its results are awful.

No pen can picture it and no tongue can describe the evil it has wrought.

Many Treat Sin as if it Were a Trifle.

All the sobs and sighs, wails and woes are caused by sin. Sin is a disease of the soul. Sin is a paralysis that weakens. Sin is a leprosy that pollutes. Sin is a plague that tortures. Sin is a pestilence that destroys. Sin is a crime that damns.

Sin digs every grave. Its mission is destruction, and its wages is death. A man who plays with a lion, elephant or tiger is called a fool, but sin is stronger than all these combined.

Sin lessens your mental capacity, dulls your sense of obligation, and incapacitates you in a general way. Partaking of sin cannot contribute to your greatness in the sight of God, but rather wins for you God's displeasure. Only one course to take about sin, keep away from it and have nothing to do with it. No one was ever made better by sinning, but countless millions are being damned through sins of various descriptions. Sin impairs the vision, deadens the faculties, and destroys all spiritual life.

1. Sin is a transgression of God's law.
2. Sin is missing the mark.
3. Sin is moral malaria.
4. Sin is a faith destroyer.
5. Sin is a home wrecker.
6. Sin is moral leprosy.
7. Sin destroys spirit, soul, and body.
8. Sin separates the soul from God.
9. Sin is a moral cancer.
10. The end of sin is always death.

Sin is Costly

Each period of the world's history has receded to rank apostasy (and this period is no exception) followed by the judgments of God. The increase of scientific knowledge today is being

and will continue to be followed by a decrease of morals and spirituality. What next, a revival of religion or apostasy -- which?

Modern conditions about us point to nothing less than spiritual destruction; the Sunday baseball, football, movie, theater, card parties, etc. The highways are crowded with pleasure seekers, and amusement goers. See the bathing beaches with half-nude crowd and a big percent of them are Church members, and then every way you look you are confronted by the awful liquor traffic. In many of our modern cities ninety per cent of the women smoke cigarettes. When women are gone, society is gone. What can you expect of us as a nation when Mothers are found in beer gardens, taverns, grog shops and clubs while they leave their children to roam the streets and to entertain themselves? What can we expect of the oncoming generation? Yes, and how much can we expect of the present generation?

Many churches are closed and many that are opened have vacant pews. The cold indifference and spiritual ignorance are appalling. Church members have time for social gatherings but no time for prayer meetings. What is our national status morally when these things exist?

The social gospel is substituted for the preaching of the cross. When religion decays one goes back to a social gospel. That indifferent spirit is creeping upon us. Surely this lukewarm age is what the Apocalyptic writer warned against. Questionable society functions are too prominent in the Church. A burden of prayer for sinners is gone and many have settled down to a powerless profession of religion. The Church has locked arms with the world hoping thereby to win her, but it has lost its identity by so doing. The world has swallowed up the Church. And now to talk about separation from the world in many of the Churches is out of harmony with their program and you will be surprised for taking that stand.

Worldly attire, improper language, covetousness, patronage of questionable society functions and places of amusement are all the go today.

Back to the religion of the early days. Back to the Old Landmarks. Back to Church. Back to prayer meeting. Back to family altars. Back to intercessory prayer. Back to praying through. And back to God.

Sin Not a Necessity

1. Awake to righteousness and sin not. I Cor. 15:34.
2. Little children, sin not. I John 2:1.
3. Shall we continue in sin? Rom. 6:1,2.
4. Go and sin no more. Jno. 5:14.
5. Jesus our example did no sin. I Pet. 2:21.
6. Whoever is born of God doth not commit sin. I Jno. 5:18.

7. He that committeth sin is of the devil. I Jno. 3:8.
8. Let not sin remain in your mortal bodies. Rom. 6:2.
9. Stand in awe and sin not. Psa. 4:4.
10. Jesus came to save from sin. Mat. 1:21.

A Common Sin of This Generation

Six reasons why one should not use tobacco:

1. It will injure your health.
2. It will injure your mind.
3. It will waste your money and time.
4. It is a filthy habit.
5. It is a poison creating a gnawing thirst and may lead to drunkenness and other sins.
6. It may ruin your soul forever.

The cigarette said, "I am not much of a mathematician but I can add various diseases, heart failure, nervousness and irritability to a boy's troubles; I can subtract from his physical energies; I can multiply his aches and pains; I can divide his mental powers; I can take interest from his work; I can discount heavily his chances for success; I can bankrupt his moral character; I can cause a complete loss of his soul."

How We Sin

1. We sin against conscience.
2. We sin against conviction.
3. We sin by not heeding the warning of God.
4. We sin in trying to please men.
5. We sin in professing innocency.
6. We sin in rejecting light.

Dr. Strong the Great Baptist Theologian said:

"Sin has four principal characteristics: namely,

1. Self-sufficiency instead of faith.
2. Self-will instead of submission.
3. Self-seeking instead of benevolence.
4. Self-righteousness instead of humility."

When preachers fail to preach the exceeding sinfulness of sin if not careful they will find themselves doing more harm than good.

With sin in our hearts we are doomed to disaster, whether as an individual or a nation.

Salvation From Sin

"Dead in trespasses and sin!" What a wretched state to be in! Yet it is the condition of all unsaved. A person both living and dead!

1. Not dead as to natural conditions; one can eat, drink and sleep.
2. Not dead as to rational actions; one can reason, and judge and consider.
3. Not dead as to civil actions; one can buy and sell and get gain.
4. Not dead as to moral actions, one can be humble and kind, or self-assertive and unkind.
5. Not dead as to religious actions; one can read, preach, pray and sing, or one can go far as to blaspheme the Holy Trinity.
6. But dead spiritually! What a serious state! "Dead in trespasses and sin!"

Aspects of Sin

Its character is unbelief.

Its nature is enmity to God.

Its development is disobedience.

1. The guilt of sin.
2. The pollution of sin.
3. The darkness of sin.
4. The deceitfulness of sin.
5. The wages of sin.
6. The remedy for sin.

The Danger of Sin

1. The tendency of sin is to put out the eyes of reason and leave your soul to grope in darkness.
2. Sin breeds disease, ignorance and superstition.
3. Sin sends the soul to the backside of the blackness of darkness and damnation forever.
 - a. The way of sin is misleading.
 - b. The way of sin is deceptive.
 - c. The way of sin is fascination.
 - d. The way of sin is unique.
 - e. The way of sin is downward and hellward.

Sin Leads To:

Unhappiness, disappointment, poverty, disease, insanity, broken hearts, wrecked homes, eternal death and damnation. Sin defiles and destroys like leprosy. Sin fills the heart with every element that is found in a lake of fire and brimstone.

1. Sin is laborious; toiling for wealth that will perish.
2. Sin is costly; costs money, time, health, peace, character and heaven.
3. Sin is unsatisfying; no earthy goods can satisfy.

Were God to deal with us in justice, would mean everlasting destruction; but for the death of Jesus Christ no sinner could be saved.

Jesus Christ is Able to Save:

1. The most desperate sinner.
2. The most glaring sinner.
3. The most deeply dyed sinner.
4. Yes, our Christ stoops to reason with the sinner.

The Importance of Repentance

1. The need of repentance; not reformation, education, church membership, but repentance for sins committed.

2. The rarity of repentance -- we are told that only one person out of a hundred ever repents. That's why theaters are crowded, our highways congested and our churches empty.

3. Repentance is an experience to be coveted. Without it no heaven -- "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Has Heaven rejoiced over your repentance? Are you seeking to win others? Do you rejoice when sinners repent?

Punishment for Sin

1. God always sees the act of sin.

2. The sinners conscience often betrays him.

3. If not before it will be discovered at the Judgment Day. One says, "I do not like to hear a preacher always harping on little sins." The fact that you are disturbed shows that it must be a big thing. It shows that you are the guilty person. But there are hopes for you. A tiny grain of sand will ruin a good eye, and one little unconfessed sin will keep you out of Heaven.

Sin had separated man from God and there could be no harmony between the Creator and the creature so long as man rebelled against his Maker. Man was unable in himself to make an atonement so the God-man must make it if it was ever to be made. No angel was adequate for the task. It was man who sinned and man must pay the penalty. Through the death of Christ, the God-man, God is reconciled to man. The debt was paid in full. Divine justice was fully satisfied and by the second birth man is born again and reconciled to God, and puts an end to rebellion against God, and settles the sin question forever.

The act of pardon reaches every transgression of the sinner's past, the sins of his youth, of his middle age, and of his riper years. It includes every sinful thought indulged in; every wicked word spoken; every wrong act performed. It also includes sins of omission; every failure of the past, the lack of faith, of love, of a life of usefulness. All the guilty record must be swept away in the Atoning Blood. This guilt must be canceled by the blood of Jesus Christ. He who lightly esteems salvation from sin through the blood is unfit for the society of God and man. The Christian life cannot be maintained with any known sin. The teaching that we may consciously commit sin from day to day in thought, word, and deed, and remain a Christian is plainly contradictory to the Word of God. I John 3:6-9. The new birth is the greatest single transaction that ever took place between God and man. Reader, have you been born again?

If angels could lose their place in Heaven because of sin and be cast down to hell because of pride, how perilous it is to think too highly of ourselves. The moment humility was substituted by pride, war opened in the heart of Satan against the throne of God. Pride is rebellion. There is no right relation to God in any world without unmingled humility. Sin is dominant in its perverted relations; its pathway is marked with disappointments; it wrecks all hope, and enthrones despair. Sin's first bud in the universe may be traced to the loss of humility. Also there is a sense in which pride is the source and essence of sin.

Are you trying the hopeless experiment of living an ideal Christian life on mere ethical principles while you hold on to sin and pleasure? If so you are doomed to disappointment. Ideals will not do it. Examples will not do it. Ethical principles will not do it. The highest and purest intentions will not do it. But aside from repentance and faith, we are yet in our sins.

If we willfully or ignorantly sin we must suffer the consequences. Hence, we are only safe as we keep all sin confessed and under the blood. His protection is ours only while we obey Him. The engine is safe by staying on the track, and we are only safe by keeping on His promises. Many have been and still are deceived. "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

It is true, however, that we have God's full revelation concerning sin, salvation and the future life; and on these subjects we have all needed light. So whoever gets a vision that invalidates the Word of God is a false prophet.

Contrast Between Salvation and Sin

Salvation is constructive.

Sin is destructive.

Salvation elevates, encourages, and sustains.

Sin saddens, enslaves, and kills.

Salvation builds Churches, hospitals, old people's homes, and institutions of charity.

Sin builds saloons, gambling dens, and houses of sin and disgrace.

Salvation paints great pictures and carves noble statues.

Sin darkens and blasts the lives of men and women.

Salvation produces statesmen, prophets, preachers, missionaries, poets, and philanthropists.

Sin makes drunkards, thieves, murderers, and social degenerates.

Salvation inspires faith, integrity, love, and truth. Sin produces suspicion, dishonesty, hate and falsehood.

Salvation is of the Lord and is eternal.

Sin is temporary and self-annihilating.

Salvation is knowable and enjoyable.

Sin is from the regions below and smells of brimstone.

Nature of the Sin Problem

The natural man without the grace of God is both sinful and a sinner. Regeneration changes man from a sinner to a child of God. All churches agree on this. A further work is needed. Man was created holy so all of his capacities were made to function in a life of holiness. When sin entered the world, holiness was lost and friction set up.

Regeneration separates the individual from actual sinning and the condemnation of actual transgressions. Holiness removes the sin nature forever from the inner life. Regeneration removes the love of the world. Sanctification removes the fear of the world. Holiness is inward rest of soul, a sense of inward cleansing. A new freedom in service and a constant flow of perfect peace.

Sin is Neither Natural, Normal, Nor Necessary

1. Sin darkens the understanding -- calls evil good, and good evil.
2. Sin changes the affections -- keeps the divorce courts busy.
3. Sin will leave its mark upon a nation and upon an individual.
4. Sin affects the heart.
5. Sin affects the conscience, will, soul, and body.
6. Sin works hatred to God and man.
7. Sin makes us slaves.
8. Sin opposes and pollutes.
9. Sin weakens and destroys rightful authority.
10. Sin wounds the heart of God and insults His authority.
11. Sin has but little respect for humanity.
12. If not destroyed, sin will fill the universe with disorder, unbelief, and misery.

Characteristics of Sin

1. Sin is a robber -- robs of liberty, etc.
2. Sin is a deceiver.
3. Sin is a murderer.
4. Sin kills love and affection.
5. Sin murders influence.
6. Sin regards not the pleading of the broken hearted.
7. Sin is man's worst enemy.
8. Sin is a merciless destroyer.
9. Sin is a deluge of misery.
10. Sin makes man afraid of God.

Nothing needs to be more feared than sin. a. Sin is strong and powerful. b. Sin is a great foe. c. Sin is bold in Church and out. d. No excuse for sin. e. There will be no sin in Heaven. f. There may be victory over every sin.

What Sin Is

1. A spot you cannot erase.
2. A disease you cannot cure.

3. A burden you cannot remove.
4. A bondage you cannot escape.
5. A cord you cannot sever.
6. An idol you cannot dethrone.

Sin In Four Aspects

1. Leprosy, a picture of guilt.
2. Palsy, a picture of helplessness.
3. Fever, a picture of passion.
4. Demon Possession, a picture of slavery.

What Sin Does

1. Disabling in its power.
2. Deadening in its influence.
3. Contagious in its results.
4. Deceitful in its character.
5. Sin is a costly monster.
6. Sin makes us sad.
7. Sin drives us from God.
8. Sin grieves the Holy Spirit.
9. Sin destroys testimony.
10. Sin puts stumbling blocks in the way of others.
11. Sin destroys the family altar.
12. Sin brings punishment and condemnation.

The Bible gives a true photograph of a sinful heart. Sin darkens the intellect making one ignorant of God. Wherever you find people, you will find sin. There is nothing beautiful about sin.

Sin is the most terrible disease ever visited upon the human family.

- I. There is a disease.
- II. There is a physician.
- III. There is remedy.

All Are Subject to Sin

1. Sin is hereditary.
2. Sin is universal.
3. Sin is cowardly.
4. Sin is hideous.
5. Sin is more than a trifle.
6. Sin will get you sooner or later.
7. Sin will murder all your good and noble qualities.
8. Sin destroys personality.
9. Sin separates from God.

10. Sin leads to a wrong destiny.

The blood is God's only remedy for sin. Martyrs have testified that it was sufficient. From thousands of deathbeds have come the testimony that the blood can save and cleanse from all sin.

1. All trouble is the result of sin.
2. Sin is the meanest thing in the world.
3. Sin is the foundation and superstructure of everything that is mean.
4. Sin empties church pews.
5. Sin has caused America to become a nation of movie goers instead of Church goers.
6. Sin is the enemy of Jesus Christ.
7. Sin counterfeits the work of Christ.
8. Sin denies the divinity of Christ.
9. Sin is the abuse of freedom.
10. Sin is the cause of all your enemies.
11. Sin causes you to hate people and people to hate you.
12. Sin has right of way in many a heart.
13. Sin is prominent in the average home.
14. Sin eats at your table.
15. Sin sits on your couch.
16. Sin desires to remain with you day and night.
17. Sin helps you make your plans.
18. Sin will see that they're carried out.
19. "Sin when it is finished bringeth forth death."
20. What disease and death are to the body sin is to the soul, only much worse. The terrible thought is that we treat sin so lightly today.
 - a. Sin is unchanging in its essential nature.
 - b. Sin leaves a sense of pollution.
 - c. Sin transforms innocent persons into corrupters of others.
 - d. Sin opposes everything that is good.
 - e. When a man sins he is dead spiritually.

Sin is lawlessness; it is the most expensive thing in the universe yet it has not a single value. It is a useless worthless investment. Sin is committed against God, against Christ, against the Holy Spirit, against Heaven: "I have sinned against Heaven and in thy sight;" against light, against your own judgment and conscience; against present and eternal interests. Sin costs you every good noble principle you possess; it robs you of character and reputation; it is a destroyer, plunderer, and spoiler. Sin destroys your soul eternally.

Seven Conspicuous Sins of Our Day

Our generation apparently purposes:

1. To smoke its way to health.
2. To drink its way to prosperity.
3. To destroy its way to food and clothing.

4. To entertain its way to wisdom.
5. To sin its way to joy and happiness.
6. To war its way to peace.
7. To hate its way to love; and last, but not least, to sin its way to Heaven; but not so according to the Word of God.

The natural heart is sinful, carnal minded, polluted, defiled, impure, tainted and wicked according to the Bible. All his tendencies, inclinations and dispositions are downward, sinward and hellward. Theosophists say there's nothing wrong, that we are gods; and Christian Scientists argue that there's nothing wrong with man but a derangement of the mental apparatus. But if you will read the tragical story of the entrance of sin into the heart as related in the third chapter of Genesis you're bound to admit that there's something radically wrong with man. Sin is an awful reality and fact; only a fool or willful liar would deny its existence and prevalence. Read the following Scriptural references as to the condition of the natural heart.

1. Evil only. Gen. 6:5.
2. Of little worth. Prov. 10:20.
3. Is perverse. Prov. 12:8.
4. Proud. Prov. 16:5.
5. Deceitful. Jer. 17:9.
6. Gather iniquity. Psa. 41:6. The natural heart sins, lies, steals, backbites, slanders, hates, kills, covets, desecrates the Sabbath, stays away from Church services, scorns God, righteousness and the righteous, breaks all of God's laws and influences others to do the same.
7. The understanding is darkened. Eph. 4:18.
8. The mind and conscience are defiled. Titus 1:15. 9. The will is enslaved. Rom. 7:18.
10. The race is in bondage to Satan, sin and death. Jno. 8:31-36.

It is necessary to get a clear conception of sin. If we do not, we will likely undervalue personal salvation and misrepresent the atonement. Sin is seen in every walk of life, and the commonness of sin does away with the awfulness of it. You should shun sin like you would a rattle snake or a mad dog.

I. Kinds of sin.

1. Inherited sin, inborn and inbred.
2. Actual sins -- acts of sins we commit.
3. Sins of omission -- duties you leave undone. Things you neglect to do that are vitally essential and necessary such as donating to charity, going to Church services, daily devotions, Bible reading, prayer, tithes, etc.
4. Sins of commission things you should not do such as returning evil for evil and many others, synonymous with actual sins.
5. Sins of presumption -- sins we boldly commit against light presuming we'll get by. There is always a way into sin but it's mighty hard to find a way out.

II. Cure for sin -- the blood cure is the only remedy the author knows anything about.

1. Jesus solves the sin problem.

2. In regeneration, we receive the forgiveness of actual sins, sins of commission, omission, and presumption.

3. In sanctification the principle of sin is removed, root and branch, the heart being purified from all sin and filled with the Holy Ghost.

III. What becomes of our sins.

1. Nailed to the cross. Col. 2:14.

2. Blotted out. Isa. 44:22.

3. Behind His back. Isa. 38:17.

4. Removes them as far as the East is from the West. Psa. 103:12.

5. Will not remember your sins. Isa. 43:25.

6. Forgotten. Heb. 10:17.

7. In the depth of the sea. Micah 7:19.

8. Remitted. Acts 10:43.

The blood can wash away actual sins and cleanse from inbred sin.

If a person has to sin that makes the devil stronger than God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Such folly!

1. Sin is an act or state or violation of righteousness. 2. Sin is an insult to the veracity of God.

3. Sin makes us unlike God.

4. The thought of foolishness is sin.

5. A high look, a proud heart is sin.

6. If you have respect of persons you commit sin.

Three letters spell all the misery and heartaches of the world -- SIN. God would not put up with sin in Heaven -- or in Eden; neither will He put up with sin today in His children or in the Church.

I. It is natural for sinners to try to hide.

1. Adam and Eve hid in the Garden.

2. Children will hide their naughty ways.
3. Savage nations have no knowledge of God but a sense of guilt.
4. The greater the light the harder you will try to hide your sins.

The greater your intellectual attainments, the greater your responsibility. A greater influence will make your responsibility greater.

II. Awfulness of hiding sin.

1. It hardens the sinner.
2. It blinds to facts.
3. It is dangerous to others.

Fire that melts gold and silver makes clay hard. The truth that melts the heart that receives it hardens the heart that rejects it.

III. Sin will come to light sooner or later.

1. A great deal will come out in this life.
2. The balance will come out at the Judgment.

Deliverance From Sin Promised

1. Deliverance from the guilt of sin. You may go through forms, promise to do better, be pronounced all right by the preacher and go your way. But unless God has spoken peace the guilt remains. Pardon will remove your condemnation and you will stand acquitted before the Eternal Judge.

2. Deliverance from the power of sin. Regeneration breaks the power of sin and you become a new creature so you can resist wrong.

3. Deliverance from the being of sin. David said, "I was born in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me." If David was born in sin we may logically infer all people are, irrespective of their creed or color.

If Isaiah could get rid of inbred sin during his lifetime, we may look forward to deliverance during our lifetime.

Justification does away with the guilt and condemnation of sin. Regeneration does away with the power of sin. Sanctification does away with the being of sin.

1. Sin reigns in the sinner.
2. Sin remains in the unbeliever.
3. Sin is entirely taken out of the sanctified.

"Sin no more lest a worse thing come upon thee." Jno. 5:4. This is a picture of every sinner, He had an infirmity. Do you? This infirmity had a three-fold effect. It affected mind, body, and soul. He was perfectly helpless; could not cure himself. He needed the double-cure. Do you? Doctors and all sources had failed him for thirty-eight years. He was put there but could not get away. You try to get loose from sin but cannot. The sins of yesterday will damn you unless forgiven. He was in need and conscious of it. If you know you are lost your ease is hopeful. There was one ahead of him and according to the custom he would have to wait a year.

But you do not need to wait.

He accepted the first message. Did you?

You would be better if you had.

Excuse! "Nobody to put me in."

There's a great need of personal workers today.

"Wilt thou be made whole?"

"Arise, take up thy bed and walk."

The worse is yet to come if you do sin.

God demands cooperation.

1. Resist sin.
2. Confess it.
3. Forsake it.
4. Sin no more.

Your Sin Will Be Uncovered. Num. 32:23.

1. Sin blights, blasts, curses, and damns.
2. Do you know any fruits of sin? Bums, thugs, liars, drunkards, and prostitutes.
3. Sin destroys manhood, womanhood and the home.
4. Sin blights character, ruins nations and damns souls.
5. Sin killed the prophets.
6. Sin persecuted the church.
7. Sin crucified the Son of God.
8. Sin is universal.

In this life of uncertainty one thing is certain, "Your sins will find you out," for God will pull the cover off sooner or later. Your secret sins will find you out and that pet sin will be uncovered, also.

1. The laws of God will locate the sinner.
2. Conscience will expose you.

3. God's truth will expose the sinner.
4. Parents' sins may find them out in their children.
5. Sickness often brings confession from the sinner.
6. Death is often instrumental in exposing the sinner.
7. Unconfessed sins will find you out at the Judgment Bar of God.
8. The blood-covering is the only cover for your sins. Now is the time to seek the Lord as there will be no mourner's bench at the Judgment.

Leprosy and Sin II Kings 5:1-14.

The sinful nature of the unsaved and unsanctified is illustrated by the disease of leprosy often seen in Oriental countries.

1. Hereditary. Sin is handed down to every member of the human race; not only are we tainted but badly wrecked by the fall.
2. It usually has a small beginning -- that profane swearer, no doubt, trembled at his first oath. But now he swears and is unaware of the fact unless told.
3. It is often innocent in its first appearance but nothing to cause alarm. Such insignificant manifestations. Sin has a small beginning. But he who goes into a life of sin goes on a long journey and knows not where the end is thereof.
4. It increases rapidly. A youngster goes into sin until he becomes bold and hardened by sin. He soon loses all sense for sin and shame until sin becomes his delight.
5. It is contagious. Often one sinful life will corrupt the whole community.
6. Separation necessary. A separation is necessary here but final separation hereafter.
7. It disqualifies. Leprosy the same as sin disqualifies us for useful service to others.
8. It finally becomes a stench in our own nostrils as well as those of others. If one will but stop and think they will become disgusted with sin.
9. There is no human help for either leprosy or sin. It is divine help or we go unaided.
10. There are final results to both leprosy and sin -- death. The only remedy for sin is Christ the Savior.

Naaman the Leper

Naaman was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He was the idol of his people. Physically, he was a giant, very strong and had all the qualities of a general, a victorious general. Naaman was popular, prosperous in business, had every longing satisfied, had climbed to the highest pinnacle of political honor and military success but he was a leper.

1. Naaman was a great man.
2. He was a rich man.
3. He was an honorable man.
4. He was a famous man.
5. He was a mighty captain.
6. He was a man of ability.
7. He was a successful man.
8. But he was a leper

I. Naaman had a malady and so do we.

1. He was a leper; leprosy is a type of sin.
2. Leprosy is hereditary, so is sin.
3. Leprosy is contagious, so is sin.
4. Leprosy separates from society, sin separates from God.
5. The human family has a malady, sin inherited and sin by choice.
6. The symptoms of sin are poverty, crime, war, sickness, hate, broken homes, and death.

II. Naaman needed a cure, so do we.

1. He knew his condition was fatal.
2. Sooner or later all sinners come face to face with a more dreadful disease.
3. Sin has blighted, blasted and ruined the lives of millions.
4. The world needs a definite cure.
5. Naaman was invited to be cured by the prophet; the sinner is invited to be saved by Christ.

III. Naaman sought a remedy, so do we.

1. Naaman had wealth to offer for his healing.
2. Humanity tries every way but God's way; religion, education, environment heredity, culture, refinement, and creeds; but all these fail.

IV. Naaman had God's prescription, so do we.

1. He found the prophet of God and heard the requirements for cleansing.
2. He was a great, honorable, and mighty man of valor but had to be made humble.
3. There's a remedy for Adam's race if they seek God wholeheartedly and humbly.

V. Naaman got peeved and so do many when under conviction.

1. He thought the muddy Jordan River was not good enough for him to wash in.
2. Naaman thought it was in the water but it was in his obedience.
3. Many turn back when they learn they must confess, repent, and make restitution.
4. Some become angry at Bible standards.

Naaman had a weak link in the chain of his character; a chain is no stronger than its weakest link. He was a man of pride and vanity and could not stand the strain of praise. So God allows defects to be associated with greatness. Naaman was a mighty captain, but a miserable leper.

VI. Naaman had to come God's way, so do we.

1. Could dip seven times and be saved or go on and be lost. Naaman objected to the terms.
2. Christ is the only solution for the sin problem.
3. It will pay you to be cured God's way.

"God's way is the best way."

Don't turn down Jesus.

Don't spurn the Spirit.

Don't trample on the blood.

Don't neglect Bible truth,

If you do eternal punishment will be yours.

The Tendency of Sin

The modern tendency is to talk lightly of sin and of its guilt, and excuse the sinner because of his infirmities, short comings and imperfections. People seem to forget that sin, (even one sin) destroys spiritual life, and enthrones a selfish spirit in its stead. The compromising view is to forget the purpose of the atonement made by Jesus Christ upon the cross, hence the real purpose for which He came is entirely overlooked. The average man is a great sinner; therefore a great sinner needs and demands a great Savior.

Sin separates the sinner from among the pure. It compels him to dwell in the society of those who are like himself. This is the inevitable tendency of sin. In this world the separation is but partial. But in the other world the separation will be complete and final. All sinners will go to one world and Christians to another. Just as the law of Moses shut all of the lepers out of the ancient Jerusalem, so the law of God will shut all sinners out of the new Jerusalem. Your sins have separated you and your God and if not washed away with the blood of Christ, they will separate you from Heaven.

Sin is incurable from a human point of view. No man can save himself. Sin cannot be cured by nature. Art, science, and medicine will not eradicate sin from the soul of man. Sin cannot be cured by the power of the will, or by self-denial, or by ceremonies, or by sacraments, or by good works. The sinner may put on a robe of respectability and self righteousness. He may scrape off some bad habits by the vigorous use of the Turkish towel of culture and education; he may paint himself with the outward morality but he is a sinner still. The doom of sin is more dreadful than to die the death of a leper. Unless you are born again, you have that loathsome, incurable, deadly disease, the Bible calls sin.

Having never been saved you are a sinner whether you are conscious of it or not. You may be rich. in the goods of this world, you may be honorable, you may be well-bred and well-born, educated and refined; you may be charitable and generous, yet you are a sinner.

You must confess and ask forgiveness of those you have wronged; be willing to make a public confession; be willing to go to the altar and if necessary kneel between the poorest and the vilest persons in town. You will have to let Him save you His way. If there is anything you don't want to do you will surely have to do it to get saved.

Sin Separates

1. Sin separates a man from his friends.
2. Sin separates a man from his true and best self.
3. Sin separates from peace of mind.
4. Sin separates a man from God.

Where is sin not found? The dark shadows of sin fall everywhere across the world, Sin is as universal as human nature and as eternal as human history.

PETER

1. Peter acted like he was the friend of Christ.
2. Peter warmed himself by another's fire.
3. Peter's speech betrayed him.
4. Peter followed afar off.
5. Peter denied his Lord.

Peter's Six Downward Steps

"And he denied Him." Luke 22:57.

When Peter said, I will die before I will deny my Savior, he did not realize the strength of sin, carnality and the devil.

I. Doing and saying things out of the spirit.
He rebukes the Savior. Mk. 8:32.

II. Self-confidence and failing to take advice. Indications of the carnal mind.

III. Failing to take time to pray.
He went down so easy.

IV. Yielding to self-indulgence.

Sleeping on duty at a tragic hour. Luke 22:45.

He warmed himself by the devil's fire. Matt. 14:67.
Hence, we look for him to jump the track in the future.

Churches have lost three elements:

1. Spirit of prayer.
2. Spirit of sacrifice.
3. Passion for souls.

V. Bad company.

When Christians cease association with Christians and begin to take a part in politics and such like, next you may expect them to curse and swear.

VI. He followed afar off.

He was not partial about who preached to him, man or woman, white or black, Methodist or Baptist.

He was convicted by a short discourse from a rooster. Some want to go uptown to church only.

But Peter received a great message from a chicken house.

He did not go out to sign a card and join a church but went out and wept bitterly, and on to Pentecost. "And Peter followed Him afar off." Matt. 26:58.

Some use this text as a whip to whip backsliders. As a rule it is not wise to pick out the darkest day in a man's life as an index to his character.

- a. The fact that Peter followed his Lord.
- b. The way in which he followed Him.
- c. The purpose for which he followed Him.

To be fair we must give a broader view than a single day's transaction.

Bible brings out dark and bright -- good and bad.

You no doubt have a day in your life you would be ashamed for someone to put before the congregation and should you recite a certain day, someone would say you are boasting.

We have rough places and dark hours we do not care to discuss.

Three distinct Epochs in His Life

1. Peter, the Galilean fisherman, before he met the Lord.

2. Peter, the disciple of Jesus, after he forsook the fishing net.
3. Peter, after Pentecost, until his death.

He was a born leader,

He who is content to go behind, God will never make go before.

Start a dozen men to a certain place, they would not go very far until one would be in the lead.

After the Resurrection in the darkest hour, Peter said, "I go a fishing."

Other disciples said, "We also go with thee."

He was an honest doubter seeking the truth.

An honest man and an impulsive man.

One among the last conversations Christ had with him, He said, "Satan hath desired to have you, that he might sift you as wheat."

A life never rises higher than its faith.

After he saw Jesus walk on the water, he said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

After denying his Lord, he went out and wept bitterly. He made a high profession but poorly carried it out.

Unconditional consecration qualifies for the coming of the Holy Ghost.

No doubt someone said, "You are the man that denied the Lord." "I am, but I wept bitterly and prayed ten days after that before Pentecost."

Have you put all on the altar and are you waiting for the fire to fail?

Great was the fall of Peter, but still greater was his repentance. Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Have you repented and wept bitterly? Who will repent and do it now?

JUDAS

He went out of a free will.

He went out into the night.

He went to his own place.

It was a place of gloom, of guilt, of remorse, of loneliness, and of despair, but it was his own place. It was the house he had built; he laid the foundation; he raised the beams; he built the rooms; he decorated the walls and went to his own place.

"He went immediately out and it was night." Jno. 13:30.

The dying hour of a sinner is dreadful. But what might a dying hour mean for a man like Judas who had betrayed his Lord? There was a time when he enjoyed sweet fellowship and friendship with his Lord; heard His stirring messages and powerful discourses, observed miracles He performed, yet he made his decision and departed into the night. Night that is referred to here was the darkness that settled down at the close of the day. But the darkness he went out into was darker and blacker than night. It was the night of sin. Judas is now departing from Christian fellowship of his Lord and disciples and enters into midnight darkness of sin. His departure was voluntary.

He left the upper room where Jesus and His disciples were eating the last Passover together. He was not forced to leave but left on his own will. When you leave Jesus, you will on your own accord. Jesus never drives a soul away but Judas voluntarily departed into the night.

A choice between Christ and thirty pieces of silver.

A choice between the love of God and the judgments of God.

A choice between Heaven and Hell.

His departure was expensive.

I. Cost him the company and friendship of Jesus, the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and the Morning Star.

II. Cost him God's blessing and approval.

After the sop, Satan entered into him. Jno. 13:27.

III. It cost him the blessing of eternal life.

He sold him for thirty pieces of silver.

His departure was into the night.

1. It was the night of the betrayal Judas went out into the dark and found a blood thirsty mob. Jesus and disciples went into the Garden of Gethsemane and prayed and He sweat as it were great drops of blood. Judas knew where they were and he went to the garden and the angry mob followed him. There Judas placed a kiss of betrayal upon Jesus and left Him in the hands of a wicked mob.

2. The night of a Christless soul.

Darkness and gloom settled down upon Judas; now, he has no Savior to help, sympathize and pilot him over life's tempestuous sea.

3. The night of a guilty soul.

No doubt his mind runs back to the awful night of the betrayal.

4. The night of a fruitless repentance.

Judas acknowledged the crime and brought back the thirty pieces of silver and said, "I have betrayed innocent blood." Our sins must be confessed to Christ to get forgiveness.

"None other name under Heaven given among men."

5. The night of death. His confession to the high priest did not satisfy a guilty conscience. Hoping to end all, he went out and hanged himself.

He died to a world of opportunity.

To a God Who could save and to a Christ Who could forgive.

His departure resulted in eternal night.

His trouble did not cease.

But only his torment intensified.

I. Judas was in the night of sad memories.

1. Memories of the love of God he rejected.
2. Memories of the warnings he did not heed.
3. Memories of the pleading of the Spirit he refused.
4. Memories of the opportunities he had lost.
5. Memories to hound him throughout eternity.

II. The night of eternal disappointment.

1. Had received his last call from God.
2. Had felt his last pull of the Spirit.
3. Had lost his last opportunity.

He is disappointed because:

- a. He betrayed his Lord.
- b. He did not repent.
- c. He lost his soul.
- d. He missed Heaven.

III. The night of eternal punishment.

1. Punished by a stinging conscience.
2. By the shrieks of the lost.
3. By the wails of despair.
4. By the fires of damnation.
 - a. No star of hope,
 - b. No ray of light,
 - c. No spark of love,
 - d. No voice of help,
 - e. No hand of mercy,

Will ever be offered to his lost soul.

Darkest Picture in the Bible, Matt. 26:14-27.

He had ability as a disciple.

He was one of the twelve.

Judas had the confidence of the disciples and of his Master.

He carried the money.

He sold Jesus for thirty pieces of silver--price of a common slave.

He loved money and sold His Savior to get it.

Why He Fell

1. Because of his covetous desires.
2. Because he would not give.
3. Because he lost self-control.
4. Because he betrayed innocent blood.

Judas knew where the place of prayer was.

1. He confessed his sin.
2. He repented but it was too late.
3. He made restitution.
4. He carried the money back.
5. He testified Jesus Christ was innocent.
6. He had a guilty conscience.
7. He had upon him God's woe.

1. His character:

A betrayer; Satan possessed, and dishonest.

2. His privilege:

He was acquainted with Jesus, sat under His ministry, and saw His miracles.

3. His warning: "Woe is that man." Mark 14:21.

4. His action: "He went out." Jno. 13:30.

5. His doom: "To a suicide's grave." Matt. 27:5.

His abode: "He went to his own place." Acts 1:25.

A Sad Night for a Backslider Jno. 13:30.

I. Judas had a day:

1. Of Christ's call to him.
2. Of conversion from sin.
3. Of companionship with Jesus.
4. Of fellowship with His people.
5. Of opportunity in service.
6. Of bright hopes for the future.

II. Judas went out:

1. From communion with Jesus.
2. From association with the disciples.
3. From his position in the cause.
4. From the Christian joy.
5. From perhaps a martyr's crown.
6. From eternal life and bliss.

III. And it was night:

1. Of a fatal decision.
2. Of a dastardly deed.
3. Of a terrible remorse.
4. Of a haunting memory.
5. Of a shameful death.
6. Of eternal despair.

The same Christ Who was denied by Peter and betrayed by Judas, crowned by thorns, and crucified between two thieves, has built a bridge of reconciliation by which the sinner can come back to God.

The deep need of the human race calls for more than human power -- Divine. This need is as high as Heaven and as deep as hell and as universal as mankind. This aching void is felt by all mankind. There is a great unbridged gulf, an unspanned chasm between man and God. The natural man looks for something he knows not what. They have looked the world over and found no relief. Philosophers have groped about in the dim light of natural religion and have only found fragments of truth to increase their sense of need but satisfaction they have never found. Sinai calls for a middle man -- a divine Christ. Noah was a perfect man in his generation but he could not bridge the chasm. Enoch was a good man, walking with God three hundred years but he could not bridge the chasm. Abraham was the father of the faithful; a friend of God, but could not bridge the chasm. Job was a perfect and an upright man but he could not bridge the chasm.

When the whole world was speeding to hell and ruin, Christ arrested and brought us back to mercy and hope. Like a link on a chain, He made the connection that brought us back. He spanned the gulf and established a wireless connection and Heaven is no longer far away. "Has been made nigh by the blood of Christ." The gulf has really been bridged for you and me.

Jesus Christ built a reinforced concrete abutment on Calvary and swung the bridge across to the one already built on the other side and opened communication and transportation between earth and the world on high. This marvelous accomplishment established and proclaimed His Divinity. This bridge is wonderful in that it reaches back to the Garden of Eden and forward to the Great White Throne.

Contrasts Between Mistakes and Sin

A mistake is not so dangerous as a sin. The difference is vital. Mr. A says, "I think I saw the author of this book yesterday smoking a cigarette, and I am sorry for I did not think he would smoke." Mr. B said, "I saw the author of this book yesterday smoking a cigarette, and it was just like I expected because I thought he would if he had a chance." Now who was correct? Both were wrong. I never smoked a cigarette yesterday, nor any other time, for I never smoked a cigarette in my life. Both told an untruth. Did they lie? One did; the other did not. One thought the man he saw was the author of this book, and the other knew he was not. One intended to tell the truth; the other intended to tell an untruth. The difference was in the intention.

A sin proceeds from an evil principle in the heart and the consent of the will to do what you know is wrong, while a mistake is due to a lack of understanding.

Sin is a fact, universal in its sweep; terrible and awful in its effects.

When saved from sin, you should advance the cause of God; bring about needed reforms and overthrow existing evils.

Folks may doubt the fact of being saved from sin, but the fact remains the same. Men may reject salvation from sin, but the provision made by Jesus remains the same. Men may spurn it but that does not alter the fact. There are not enough devils in hell, or skeptics on earth or opposers in the Church to rob Christ of His power to save men from sin.

The world is preoccupied with money-making and pleasure seeking and refuse to attend Church or come to the Lord for salvation from sin.

Sin in the Flesh

Howard Sweeden says, "Sin is never located in matter; sin is strictly a malady of the soul, although the body has suffered the consequences of a sinful soul within. If sin were a body malady, an expert surgeon might locate and remove it; if sin is in the body, then to lose a limb, or a portion of the body would simply mean that our sinfulness had been decreased accordingly. An accident in which we lose a part of the body in this ease, should be looked upon as a providential blessing, for it has reduced our sinfulness. If our measure of sin be according to avoirdupois, then a small man is slightly a sinner, while a two hundred pounder would be as mean as the devil. We have often heard the expression, 'Nobody loves a fat man.' Perhaps this is a solution to the mystery. If sin is in the body, what we want is not soul cleansing but body reduction: not the blood of Christ, but a good dose of anti-fat! According to this hypothesis, a one-armed, one-legged, toothless, bald-headed man has almost reached perfection. This is ridiculous, but it illustrates the folly of some who contend the body must sin."

Sin and Humility

Doctor Daniel Steele says, "Some one may ask, 'Is not sin in the heart necessary to keep the soul humble? Will not spiritual pride lift itself up as soon as sin is destroyed?' As well might you ask whether a man would lift up his head haughtily when his neck had been broken. The Holy Spirit, taking complete possession of the heart, not only breaks the neck of sin, but casts out this strong man, leaving no seed of pride behind. Perfect love to Christ is perfect lowliness. When it is demonstrated that a man must drink a little whiskey daily in order to be temperate, steal a trifling amount every day in order to be honest, tell a few fibs every twenty-four hours in order to be truthful, and occasionally violate the seventh commandment that they may maintain their purity, then we will sit down and soberly answer the objection that a little nest-egg of sin in the heart is a necessary nucleus about which all the Christian virtues are to be gathered."

Cleansing From All Sin

W. E. Shepherd says, "Suppose a garment were spotted with ink, and it were put through a process which cleansed from all ink, how much ink would remain? Now, if a statement were made to the effect that there was no ink left, would there be any self-deception in that? On the same principle, then, if the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin, how much sin, is left?"

There are two things we should thank God for: first, is that He does not let sin go unpunished; second, He has pardoning grace and is ever holding before your tearful eyes a vision of higher achievements.

You may have many friends who will prove to be friendly in times of distress and need but only one who will stand by us in the hour of danger and that is Jesus, your Savior and mine.

The very first characteristic of a Christian is genuine obedience to Christ and no one can obey Him unless they have received the New Birth; then, if we do not walk with Him in obedience it will be only a matter of time until we will be unheard and unseen.

A consciousness of sins forgiven and fellowship with Jesus Christ will give you a burden for lost souls. Now if you have no burden let not false pride keep you from being a seeker with your whole heart and when you are yourself, converted you will be of service to your brethren.

Sin and Salvation

Jesus Christ handling the sin problem becomes our hope for time and for eternity. By His help we sing a song of hope in a world of despair. We can sing a song of triumph in a world defeated by its own devices. To be saved from sin and to know Him is life eternal. To walk with Him and fellowship Him is glorious now and eternal felicity in the Kingdom to come.

We are considered a rich nation and a powerful government. Notwithstanding world conditions are the most serious of all history. As a nation we have forgotten God and have become ungodly, irreligious and profane. We need someone to call this nation back to God, to Christ, to the manger, and to the cross. This nation needs to become humble, acknowledge her sins, confess them, and forsake them. "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven and forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chron. 7:14.

Let us look forward to the time when He, the Prince of Peace, will come and put an end to the sin question as we fight for this holy cause let us not forget to keep His commandments. The holy Sabbath has been universally turned into a day of desecration. You will find along the American highway ads which have lowered women to the level of the brothel. Will all this destruction, desecration, and immorality bring us again to our knees in humble confession to Almighty God? May the Lord in compassion look down upon us and have mercy upon us in these awful days.

Our repentance demands four points:

1. The knowledge of sin.
2. A godly sorrow for sin.
3. Confession of sin.
4. The abandonment of sin.

Let us carefully read the above facts and then prayerfully heed them.

Confession of sin must often be made to both God and man. There are but few who have not in some way sinned against their fellow man; by taking advantage in business: by the malicious use of the tongue; by evil temper or by evil intention. Hence, the demand that wrongs committed against man and His maker must be confessed to both. A life of sin against God and man can not be settled privately. God will not be glorified in removing a record of sins unconfessed. The man

who has failed to meet the claims of God is thereby disqualified to fulfill the measures of his duties to his fellow man.

The penitent will find it impossible to exercise saving faith in Christ, until he reaches utter abandonment of sin, Submission to God is the prerequisite to receive Jesus as your Savior. The sinner may pray, but God wants submission; he may weep and agonize, but God demands submission; he may go to the altar but God will have submission. The sinner may join the Church and reform and not submit to divine authority. He may promise obedience for the future but God demands obedience now. Let us impress every inquirer with the truth, that present insubordination means future damnation. Rebellion must die, or the rebel is doomed. Years of prayer and struggle will amount to nothing unless you submit to God. Seems some had rather cross the continent on foot, or circumnavigate the globe in order to be saved rather than submit to God. But nothing short of a present, absolute and unconditional surrender to God will save your soul from the horrors of the second death.

Sin may be overcome and forgiven. There is only one method by which we may defeat and overcome sin. God Himself gives us the secret; it is through His only begotten Son. This is God's way, a good way and it must be our way.

There is no second choice. God wants to put an end to sin through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son. Our redemption is purchased through His Son in the gift of Himself. Hands of hate, hearts full of sin marred and mangled by the fall are in need of just such a Savior. Many waters cannot quench divine love nor stay its course. Persecution enlarges its borders and increases its boundary lines. Through the death of Jesus, God breaks the bands of sin that infinite love might fill the entire earth. If forgiveness, mercy and love can reconcile a man to God, surely there are proofs and hopes for man to be reconciled to man. This is the law "of reconciliation whether reconciling man to God, or man to man or, it may be the securing of broken fellowship between embittered neighbors.

God's answer for the sin problem is Calvary. The Son of God hangs upon a tree. The Redeemer of mankind dies upon a cross. The Prince of Life is put to death. What punishment shall avail for such a deed, and how shall God reply to the crown of thorns upon the brow of His Son and the nail prints in His hands? God's answer from Calvary was that Jesus should come forth from the grave as the Savior of all men from all sin. Yes, the stump of sin must come out including the last root. Now God places His Son in the Heavens to make intercession for us, where His prayers may avail for a lost and guilty race. Ten days later He sent Pentecost with its rushing wind and tongues of fire accompanying the advent of the Holy Comforter who brought the love of God and a holy life in magnificent power, in purity and fullness to bless the race that nailed their Messiah to a cross and thereby opened a fountain whose cleansing stream can wash the accursed stains of sin from every guilty heart.

May every reader of this book find an altar of prayer and there wait before God in prayer and repentance until you find peace and pardon and then I urge you to climb the stairway into the upper room where the mighty wind of Pentecost blows, where tongues of fire sit upon every brow, and receive a heart purified from sin, flooded with perfect love, and filled with all the fullness of God.

Some Facts Concerning Sin

The more sin there is in a man, the more he will growl around the home and at the table.

If you want to be angry and sin not, be angry at nothing but sin.

The sprouts of sin from a depraved heart may ruin happiness, make home desolate and help drench the earth in blood.

No one would be willing to live in sin one day unless stone blind to God's truth.

The way of the transgressor is hard if he does ride in an expensive car.

Don't think you have no sin because you have no conscience.

God will not smile upon you as long as you smile upon sin.

You will let God separate you from sin, or sin will separate you from God.

A religion that does not save you from sin now will not save you from the consequences of sin later.

Sin sows the seeds of sorrow and suffering and the dividends of sin are sorrow and suffering.

A sheep dreads the mud, but a hog wallows in it; so a Christian hates sin, but a sinner delights in it.

To enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season may mean to endure the pangs of hell for all eternity.

Prayer will make you leave off sinning, or sinning will make you leave off prayer. When a man gets under conviction for sin he is a misery to himself and is unpleasant to have around unless he wants to get saved.

God did not give His Son to bring us political or economical freedom but freedom from sin.

Philosophers are still trying to explain away sin.

Sin blights, blasts, and damns. It is back of all misery, sorrow, heartaches, and disappointments.

Let us set the fire of divine love to the stubble of sin.

Sin in the heart is like sand in the eyes; will cause trouble until gotten rid of.

When you get into some disgraceful sin, the devil will get out an extra edition.

Creation makes us a little lower than the angels, while sin has left its mark upon some until they are not much better than demons.

Sin brings sorrow, pain, suffering and death but Jesus came that we might have life and that more abundantly.

Sin has its disappointments and from sin's disappointments came His appointment.

Sin will automatically close the door of Heaven to all who love and practice it.

To say we are bound to sin you are fairly throwing dust in the eyes of reason and spitting in the face of common sense.

Nothing ails humanity but sin, and holiness is the only remedy for sin.

Sin is just the same today as ever. It has caused every tear, heart-ache, and is responsible for all suffering that has come to the human family. It is just as black, wrecking, and damning as ever. It bores, binds, blinds, grinds, and disappoints. It is at the bottom of all trouble. It will blast your hopes, degrade your desires, fire your passions, pollute your influence, stain your character, shatter your intellect, sear your conscience, curse you in life and damn you eternally in hell hereafter.

SIN IS TO BLAME

"See yonder man in the prison he dwells,
Sin is to blame, sin is to blame;
List to the story he plaintively tells,
Sin is to blame for all.

Sin is to blame for all sorrow,
Sin is to blame, sin is to blame;
Have you no hope for tomorrow?
Sin is to blame for it all.

Many dear children are crying for bread,
Sin is to blame, sin is to blame;
Father's a drunkard and mother is dead,
Sin is to blame for all.

Heart-broken mothers all sad and alone,
Sin is to blame, sin is to blame;
Helpless and needy, no place to call home,
Sin is to blame for all.

Thousands refuse to accept His free grace,
Sin is to blame, sin is to blame;
All who reject Him have chosen their place,
Sin is to blame for all."

-- J. H. V.

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