

SIN & REPENTANCE



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SINS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

love of money – *greed* – theft – *deceit* –
sexual immorality – *adultery* – unnatural
relations – *homosexuality* – indecent acts –
lust (pornography) – sensuality – *impurity* –
lewdness – *obscenity* – course joking – *filthy
language* – orgies – *depravity* – debauchery
– *selfish ambition* – vain conceit – *deceit* –

arrogance – *boastful* – heartlessness –
ruthlessness – impatience – *disobedience* –
murder – *evil* – evil thoughts – *anger* – rage
– *envy* – hatred – *slander* – malice –
jealousy – strife – discord – *dissensions* –
factions – *insolence* – gossiping – *false
testimony* – idolatry – *wickedness* –
drunkenness – *sorcery* – witchcraft –
faithlessness – lies – *bitterness* –
senselessness – *foolishness* – folly.

Everyone will see themselves somewhere
in this list, and, consequently, we all have
a choice:

- reject the concept of sin and rationalize the behavior as our freedom, our genes, our DNA;
or
- recognize the behavior as sin, seek forgiveness and repent.

Which will you choose?

KEY BIBLE VERSES

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

(Matthew 4:17)

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

(Luke 24:45-47)

... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

(Romans 3:23)

Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

(1 Corinthians 6:18)

VIDEO –Sinners In The Hands Of An Angry God

By: Jonathan Edwards; Date: July 1741

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-C0s7WkV96w>

Description

This is an audio-visual recording of Jonathan Edwards' famous sermon that he first preached in July, 1741, at Enfield, Connecticut, at the start of the First Great Awakening.

VIDEO - When Sin Looks More Enjoyable Than God

By: Francis Chan; Date: October 2006

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iszVTWUGQQM>

Transcript Extract

The truth is some of you aren't going to be here next year. You're not going to be following God next year.

[For] some of you, something's going to tempt you, and it's going to lead you away from here. Some of you won't make it to the end of this year because you'll be tempted by something that will pull you away from God. And that breaks my heart.....

It's always empty. It never works. There's never been a person in the history of this planet who has made the exchange and is thankful for it.

The Battle ⁽¹⁾

I desire to do Your will, my Lord, even with all my heart and all my soul and all my mind and all my strength—and yet I so often fail.

Is it just my sinfulness, my Lord?

or is it the sin of this world that also entices me from the Way?

or, again, does the power of the evil one also seek to destroy my walk with You?

Often it seems that it is not just one of these evils, but all three battling against Your will for my life. However,

With you, my Lord, there is victory over sin.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed (1 Peter 2:24).

With you, my Lord, there is victory over the world.

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

With you, my Lord, there is victory over the evil one.

... take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one (Ephesians 6:16).

With you, my Lord, victory is assured!

⁽¹⁾ Chris Fenner, *Yes Lord I Will Follow You*, (Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing, 2012)