

WHAT IS SO HARMFUL ABOUT MY SIN?

8-31-09

Why make such a big deal out of sin?

No one is perfect. Everyone has flaws.

God knows me. Doesn't he expect me to sin?

Shouldn't we protect self-esteem? Why emphasize sin so much?

Aren't sins more like simple mistakes? Just ignore them.

1. What does the Bible say about the damages of sin? Rom 6:23
2. What terms for sin describe its danger? Ps 51; Rom 3:23; 1 Sam 15:23, Lk 11:4, Eph 2:1 = sins, guilt, rebellion, evil, shedding blood, stubbornness, trespass, transgression
3. How am I harmed when I sin?
 - * Sin makes me guilty – Rom 1:18-32
 - * Sin makes me sick – Isa 1:1-6
 - * Sin separates me from God – Isa 59:1-3; Lk 16:19-31
 - * Sin ends in eternal judgment – Gal 5:16-21
4. Are there examples of how sin harms us in the Bible?
 - * Adam and Eve – Gen 3
 - * Moses – Deut 32:44-52
 - * Nadab and Abihu – Lev 10
 - * King David – 2 Sam 11-12
 - * Ananias and Sapphira – Acts 5:1-11
 - * Apostle Paul – 1 Tim 1:12-17
 - * See the descriptions of sin's damages in Psalm 51
5. Are children punished for the sins of their parents?
 - * Sin's guilt – see Ezek 18 (“sour grapes”)
 - * Sin's consequences – it can happen
6. Are people born sinners?
 - * Pelagians – no, we are punished for our own sins
 - * Arminians – no, we are punished for our own sins
 - * Calvinists – yes, we are punished for Adam's sin
7. Are all sins equally harmful?
 - * Penalties for various sins – levels of sin?
 - * Jesus – Sermon on the Mt = Matt 5:17-30 (murder and adultery)
 - * 1 Cor 6:9-11 – sins in the same category