

## SIN AND THE BIBLE (2)

**Introduction:** Read Isaiah 55:8-9. God's ways always seem opposite of man's.

1. Answers to society's problems will never be found in the wisdom of men.
2. Sin causes man to behave and think contrary to the way that God created him and live out of harmony within the world that God has created for him.

### C. SIN BRINGS CONSEQUENCES.

1. Sin has disease, broken homes, & sorrow as consequences (Prov. 13:15).
2. However, the greatest consequence of all is spiritual death: ***"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"*** (Rom. 6:23). In this life: ***"be sure your sin will find you out"*** (Num. 32:23).
  - a. Death here is not physical but spiritual death, for all will die (Heb. 9:27).
  - b. Babies, who do not sin, suffer consequence of Adam's sin--physical death.
3. As physical death is the separation of the spirit from the body (Jas. 2:24-26), spiritual death is the separation of the spirit of man from God (Isa. 59:1-2).
4. The Bible speaks of the spiritual separation from God as "the second death."
  - a. Death & hades were cast into "lake of fire"--second death (Rev. 20:14-15).
  - b. Hence, John describes the second death as death of the spirit, separation from God in torment forever, the final consequence of unforgiven sin.

### D. SIN EXISTS TODAY.

1. Sin doesn't exist in the minds of many people. "Sin isn't a useful concept."
  - a. Homosexuality is caused by genetics or is simply an "alternative lifestyle."
  - b. Abortion is a "right of choice" or humane remedy for unwanted children.
  - c. Alcoholism is a "disease" (for which those afflicted are held accountable)!
  - d. Premarital sex (fornication) is a beautiful expression of sexuality--love!
2. Our Society classifies anything people **want to do** as non-sinful.
3. These attitudes are often in churches: (a) Unscriptural marriages, (b) im-modesty, (c) unsound teaching, (d) improper entertainment, (e) materialism.
4. Yet the Bible warns against calling evil good and good evil: ***"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;. . ."*** (Isa. 5:20).

### E. THE BIBLE PROVIDES THE REMEDY FOR SIN.

1. Paul warned Timothy that ***"perilous times shall come"*** (2 Tim. 3:1). We must continue in the word that God has given us (2 Tim. 2:2-5; 3:14-15).
2. Paul encouraged Christians to take up "the sword of the Spirit" (Eph. 6:17).
3. Pray to God for help (Luke 11:4) and take the way of escape (1 Cor. 10:13).
4. Jesus is the real remedy for sin. He died that we might live (Gal. 2:20). By His stripes we are healed (1 Pet. 2:22-25). We are baptized into the death of Christ where His precious blood was shed (John 19:34; Rom. 6:4).