

SIN EXPOSED Romans 8:1-17

INTRODUCTION: What is your mind set on tonight? Romans 8:5. Is your mind set on what your sinful nature desires? If your mind is set on what the flesh desires; death is the end result: Romans 8:6. If your mind is set on what the Spirit desires the end result is life and peace! The world tells us sin is pleasant. Our flesh tells us that sin will fulfill its desires. The devil tells how special we are and that everyone knows it is not sinful anyhow. Now we know what the world, the flesh and the devil tell us about sin, but what we need to know is what does the Bible tell us about sin?

I. SIN BLINDS OUR MIND!

2 Corinthians 4:3-7 tells us that the god of this age; Satan has blinded the minds of unbelievers so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ! 1 Corinthians 2:14-16: When sin entered the life of mankind, spiritual death and spiritual blindness also were part of the package deal. Even Christians who will not grow in their faith can become nearsighted: 2 Peter 1:3-11. The natural man and the carnal believer are trying; by grasping and manipulating to regain what was lost through sin. This can never work because God's Word tells us that both the unbeliever and the carnal Christians are blind or near-sighted and cannot understand the way to true peace and joy and meaning in this life. The way back to the abundant life we all desire is through the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ: John 10:10; John 15:10-11; 2 Peter 1:5-9; John 17:17; Romans 5:1-5.

II. SIN DEFILES THE HEART!

Jeremiah 17:9-10. After his sin with Bathsheba, David asked the Lord to create a pure heart within him: Psalm 51:10. Isn't it interesting that when we receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior that is exactly what God gives to us? 1 Corinthians 5:17-21. Our God is holy and He desires for His children to not be blind and defiled by sin but to be seeing and to live holy lives.

III. WHAT OUR SIN DOES TO US!

Sin does not do what the world, the flesh, and the devil tell us it will. Sin does not fulfill our desires, sin enslaves us! John 8:34-36. Sin ensnares and entangles us: Psalm 50:20-23; Hebrews 12:1-3. Our sin hinders the answers we desire from our God to our prayers: Psalm 66:16-20. Our sin wars against our souls: 1 Peter 2:11. Our sin brings in a crop that none of us wants: Galatians 6:7-8; Romans 6:23. Because many will not quickly confess their sin and repent of their sin, this is what they will hear one day: Matthew 7:21-23. The only hope we have of living a truly abundant life is to honestly repent of our sin and turn in faith and obedience to our Lord Jesus: 2 Peter 3:9-14.