WHAT IS SIN?

INTRODUCTION:

1. If there is one thing that is needed in this present day world, it is a SENSE OF SIN.

2. SIN is distinctively a Bible concept; the concept of SIN is from God.

3. Too many people have cloudy concept of SIN.

4. The reason many people do not obey the Lord is that they do not feel they are sinners, and therefore they don’t think they need the Lord.

5. When people do not have a clear conception of what SIN is, they do not fear SIN.

6. Many people fail to sense that their souls are in danger because they do not know what SIN is.

I. WHAT SIN DOES TO ALL OF OUR LIVES:

1. SIN is the one thing that endangers our happiness for both TIME and ETERNITY.

2. SIN SEPARATES man from God. Is. 59: 1 – 2; Rom. 6: 23

3. SIN DRIVES A WEDGE between man and man.

4. SIN brings DISCORD where harmony should exist.

   (1) In the home

   (2) In the church ( I Cor. 3:3)

   (3) In the work place.

5. SIN sets man AGAINST his best friend.

6. SIN BREAKS UP homes.

7. SIN DESTROYS homes.
8. SIN WASTES substance.

9. SIN WASTES the BODY.

10. “The wages of sin is death”...Rom. 6: 23

II. WORDS IN THE WORD OF GOD SYNONYMOUS WITH SIN:

1. DISOBEDIENCE – Heb. 2:2; Col. 3: 5- 6

2. TRANSGRESSION –Heb. 2:2; I John 3:4

3. INIQUITY (lawlessness) –Matt. 7:23

4. DARKNESS – I John 1:6; Eph. 5:11; Rom. 13: 12

5. UNGODLINESS –Rom. 1:18

6. UNRIGHTEOUSNESS –Rom. 1:18; I John 5:17; Ps. 119: 172

7. WRONG – Col. 3: 25

III. SIN IS TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW.

1. I John 3:4

2. TRANSGRESS means: “Law-breaking; violations of law; to exceed law”.

3. To transgress the law is to manifest contempt for and disregard of the law.

4. The New Testament is the law of Christ. Gal. 6:2

5. We are to be governed and regulated by this law.

6. We are not to go beyond the doctrine of Christ. II John 9

7. We are not to work without law. Matt. 7: 21 – 23

   (1) To do so is SIN.

8. We should be able to see the SIN:
(1) In WEARING NAMES unauthorized by the gospel of Christ. I Cor. 4: 6

(2) In going to CREEDS that contain more than the Bible. Rev. 22: 18 – 19

(3) In the SUPPORTING OF ORGANIZATIONS not found in the Word of God.

(4) In the use of INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC in worship.

9. We must STAY within the limits of the law of Christ. II John 9 – 11

IV. WHAT IS NOT OF FAITH IS SIN.

1. WE walk by FAITH. II Cor. 5:7

2. Faith comes by hearing the Word. Rom. 10:17

3. Without faith we cannot please God. Heb. 11:6

4. You CANNOT DO BY FAITH that which God HAS NOT REVEALED in His will. I Cor. 2: 9 – 13

5. This is the reason WE MUST CONDEMN:

   (1) The use of instrumental music in worship – it is SIN.

   (2) Human institutions in the work of the church – they are SIN.

   (3) The sponsoring church arrangement – it is SIN.

   (4) Entertainment that is church-sponsored – it is SIN.

V. WASTED OPPORTUNITIES IS SIN.

1. James 4:17

2. The SIN of OMISSION.

3. If we know what is right, and we do not do it, we are guilty of sin.

5. Here is where many of us in the church fail and SIN:

   (1) We neglect to do good.  Acts 10:38

   (2) We fail to visit the sick and the old.  Matt. 25: 36, 43

   (3) We fail to help the weak and poor.  Acts 20:35

   (4) We fail to spread the gospel.  Acts 8:4; Mk. 16: 15 – 16

   (5) We fail to attend the services of the church.  Heb. 10:25

   (6) We fail to give as we’ve been prospered.  I Cor. 16: 1 – 2

6. The person who knows what God expects of him, and does not do it, SINS.

VI. UNRIGHTEOUSNESS IS SIN.

1. I John 5: 17

2. Unrighteousness includes everything which does not conform to the teaching of Christ.

3. Ps. 119: 172 “All thy commandments are righteousness”...

4. Paul declares that the gospel of Christ reveals the plan of God for making men righteous.  Rom. 1: 16 – 17

5. When we obey the commandments of the gospel we are righteous.  I John 3:7; Acts 10: 34 – 35

6. When men spurn Christ, and refuse to obey the gospel, they are UNRIGHTeous.

7. When members of the church fail to live soberly, righteously, and godly – and fulfill the desires of the flesh – they are UNRIGHTeous.
VII. CONCLUSION:

1. SIN will keep us out of heaven. John 8:21

2. The CONSEQUENCES of SIN:

   (1) SIN ENSLAVES. John 8: 34; Rom. 6: 16; II Pet. 2: 19

   (2) SIN DECEIVES. Heb. 3:13; I Tim. 2:14

   (3) SIN SEPARATES from God. Isa. 59: 1 – 2; Rom. 6: 23

   (4) SIN CONDEMNS to eternal punishment. Matt. 25: 41

3. The ONLY REMEDY for SIN is the BLOOD OF CHRIST. Rev. 1:5; Eph. 1:7

4. Won’t you obey the gospel?