



What Is This Thing Called Sin?
Proverbs 28:13
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Genesis 15:1 Do not be afraid, Abraham I am your shield, your **exceedingly great reward.**"

Psalms 32:11 Be **glad in the LORD and rejoice**, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart

Psalms 35:9 And my soul shall **be joyful in the LORD**; It shall rejoice in His salvation.

Psalms 40:8 I **delight to do Your will**, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."

Psalms 63:3 Because **Your loving kindness is better than life**, My lips shall praise You.

Psalms 119:18 Open my eyes, **that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.**

Jeremiah 9:23-24 Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; ²⁴**But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me**, That I am the LORD, exercising loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give

you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, **and you will find rest for your souls.** ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I have come that they may have life**, and that they may have it more abundantly.

1 Timothy 4:8 For bodily exercise profits a little, **but godliness is profitable for all things**, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

1 John 5:2-3 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. **And His commandments are not burdensome.**

"There are but two lessons for the Christian to learn, **the one is to enjoy God** in everything, the other is to **enjoy everything in God.**" Charles Simeon (1759-1836)

Everyone wants to rid themselves of **guilt and shame**. Our Culture does not know how to do it, but God does!

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Philippians 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment

Turning to alternate solutions appears an easy solution to fix guilt and shame. However, no therapy or medication can cure a sinful heart. A savior is needed. Who will be that Savior?

- **Sin** means to miss the mark.

***Romans 3:23-24** For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.*

- **Iniquity** - Premeditated, deliberate behavior to twist God's truth for personal benefit.
- **Trespass** - To be guilty of purposefully crossing a line that God has defined. To go beyond what is one's right.
- **Transgression** - To actively rebel against God's clear commands, to be guilty of committing a spiritual crime.

***Proverbs 28:13** He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.*

- Confession and forsaking are the elements that makeup repentance.

Sin is not our friend. Time confirms that sin makes promises of enhancing your life. In reality, sin is spiritual cancer that eats away at the heart, mind, and soul.

Sin dishonors God. Our primary goal in avoiding sin is not to become better rule followers, but to become more sincere in our love for God.

Sin deceives the one sinning.

Sin distorts the truth.

Sin damages relationships.

Sin destroys lives. The DNA of sin consists of a seek and destroy mission.

***Proverbs 14:34** Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.*

Repentance must start with the church. Individual believers must repent of their love affair with the world and recommit themselves to pursue Jesus Christ as their greatest and highest treasure.

***1 Peter 4:17** For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?*

Jesus Christ is the perfect Savior who can forgive us perfectly.

***1 John 1:8-2:2** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us **2** My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

Loving gratitude will see the depth of sin and the depth of God's grace in forgiveness. Something occurs to our hearts when we comprehend what God's forgiveness. We *not* only become more thankful, but our desire to know, love, and serve Christ will increase.