

What does die in your sins mean?

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Jesus told the Pharisees, "I am going away and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come" (John 8:21). "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for **if you do not believe that I am He**, you will die in your sins." (John 8:23-24).

In John 8:21 Jesus says "die in your sin (singular)." The specific sin was rejecting the One who offers salvation. Jesus came from heaven to be the Savior of the world. He told them their rejection of the Savior would cause them to "die in their sins (plural)." By rejecting the One who would die for their sins, their sins would remain in them when they died.

Sin is what separates us from God (Isaiah 59:2, Romans 3:23). Jesus came to earth from heaven "to take away sins" (John 1:29, 1 John 3:5, Hebrews 10:4). This is why Jesus told the Pharisees, who did not believe in Him, "your sin remains" (John 9:41).

When a person places their trust in Jesus to be their Lord and Savior, He takes away their sins. For those who don't believe in Him and reject His sacrifice for their sins, they will die in their sins which will send them to hell because they died in their sins. No one has to go there. Click here to read [God's plan of salvation](#) for you.

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