

## What's the Big Deal About Sin?

The first question to answer is, what is God's opinion about sin? If it's a big deal to Him, it probably needs investigating!

The Bible is quite clear about this and describes in multiple places how God totally abhors sin of every kind. This cannot be said in strong enough terms. God is pure spirit, goodness, kindness, and love. So, His complete intolerance of any sin, no matter how big or small, is absolutely logical. It must be 100% intolerance as otherwise, a tiny amount of sin in His presence, even just one atom, would pollute Him. Where would He draw a line if even one sin was ever allowed in His presence?

But sin entered the world when Adam and Eve were tempted and disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. Prior to this, there was no sin, death, disease or pestilence on earth. It was Man that caused the problems of the world through rebellion towards God, and because of this, we are all born with a sin nature.

You may argue you are a good person, but 'good' by whose standards? Maybe you are good by worldly standards, but not by God's, whose standard is perfection. God gave us the moral code in the Ten Commandments, but because of our inherited sin nature we repeatedly fail to keep to the Commandments. If you think you are a good person, then consider this: How many lies have you told? Have you ever stolen anything no matter how small? Have you ever had sex before marriage? Have you ever lusted after another (Jesus said if you lust you have committed adultery in your heart)? Have you ever blasphemed and used God's holy name in vain, even a simple 'OMG'? If you said yes to these questions, you have confirmed you are a lying, thieving, fornicating, blaspheming adulterer at heart. So, how do you think God will see your conduct when it comes to judgement day? Guilty or innocent? Heaven or hell?

If you try to claim your good deeds should be enough for God to let you off for all your transgressions, then this is much like bribery. It won't work in the same way that asking to be let off a speeding fine because you do charity work won't pay the fine. Good works are simply not enough. Eternal life isn't based on a credit and debit balance sheet, because that implies you can just carry on sinning and buy your way into heaven with big donations to charity.

If you try to claim your sins 'aren't really all that bad', again, maybe this is true by human standards. But if your moral scale is determined by your own standards, then your standard will be different to the next person's. This is a flexible arrangement, determined only by the mood of the times and cultural changes. Just look how paedophilia is slowly becoming normalised and accepted in society. The liar looks at the thief and thinks his crimes aren't that bad. The thief looks at the rapist and thinks his crimes aren't that bad either. And the rapist looks at the murderer and thinks he's also not that bad. We shouldn't compare ourselves to others and then think we are 'good' when we have still fallen short of God's standard.

If you try to claim that your sins must have been 'approved' by God because he hasn't stopped you yet – you may be having an affair and are still very successful financially - then you are missing the point of when you will be judged. God loves you so much He gives you free choice and will want you to repent and turn to righteousness in this physical life. He will not force you to be in heaven with Him against your will, so if you reject God, you will ultimately be rejected by Him.

God still loves every one of us and wants us to choose Him, to be with Him for eternity. Why would He not want this, He is our Creator? He is loving, patient and forgiving, like any good father. But he will not accept us if we are carrying bags full of sin.

But the good news is that someone HAS paid your fine, in full, and it is a completely free gift if you choose to accept it. This is the solution God gave so that sinners (all of us!) still have an opportunity for eternal life in His presence. He has accepted the sacrifice of **Jesus** as payment for all the sins of the world as **Jesus** was the only one ever to have lived a perfect, sinless life.

**"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life". John 3:16**

It is not too late to repent for your sins with all your heart, believe in **Jesus** as your saviour, believe that He died on the cross as a sacrifice to pay for your sins, and that he rose from the dead to conquer death.

Do you want to find out more? Here are some useful resources to begin your journey:

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