

Why did Christ have to come to earth?

Hebrews 9:27

... man is appointed to die once, and after that to face judgment

Isaiah 64:6

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

We all have a Death Problem and a Sin Problem

All sin.

Sin kills and separates us from God

[Romans 3:23](#) - "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"



[Romans 6:23](#)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[Isaiah 59:2](#)

But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.



We all have a serious Sin Problem; separate us

Sin-by any other name but sin in the news

Omar Marteen who claimed allegiance to ISIS killed 49 people and wounded 53 more in an attack at a crowded gay nightclub in Orlando, Fla. A Korean baby left to starve to death as her parents browsed the internet. **Pop superstar George Michael** jailed for driving while high on drugs. Blamed it on pride. **Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum**, Dubai, recently extended his 515ft yacht by a few more feet to ensure its length exceeds that of the boat owned by Russian billionaire oligarch Roman Abramovich. In 2008 the economy tanked because of **bankers' greed**. **Tiger Woods'** career sidelined after he cheated on his wife. Sixty per cent of us predicted to be obese by 2050 [The Psychologist February 2011 by The British Psychological Society](#)

Wrath.Sloth.Pride.Envy.Greed.Lust.Gluttony.

Sin

The Bible speaks clearly concerning sin even if the world ignores it, condones it:

a. Whoever commits sin commits lawlessness, and **sin is lawlessness** - **1 Jon 3:4**

b. Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin- **Jam 4:17**

c. Sin is universal – “*all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*” **Rom 3:23**

d. Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins.

Eccl. 7:20

Sin

Jesus represents perfection.

You/We are sinners.

Bible talks about variety of sins.

Heart sins

Society sins

Materialism

Family sins

Sexual sins

Partying sins

Religious sins

Which ones apply to you? To us?

Heart Sins

pride, boasting, envy, jealousy, conceit, vanity, cowardice, high self-esteem, a general feeling of entitlement, discontentment in your life situation, selfishness, narcissism, unmerciful, hypocrisy, unthankfulness, malice, insolent (disrespectful), unloving, without self-control, hater of good, unforgiving, remembering another's sins, holding a grudge against one who wronged us, unnatural thought addictions/lusts.

Society Sins

assault, bullying, kidnapping, lying, perjury, slander, malicious gossip, put downs, strife, enmities, disputing, dissensions, factions, vengeful, racism, rebellion, bribery, complainers, cursing, laziness, foolish talker, untrustworthy, unloving, angry temper, outbursts of anger, irreconcilable, brutality, treacherous, recklessness, inhospitable, employees who work only when boss is watching, employers who cheat employees, young disrespecting the older, rejecting valid criticisms, older women failing to mentor younger women.

Materialism

swindling, fraud, stealing, craving another's things, greed, using dishonest scales, loving money, not content with what we have, valuing money above family, ostentatious (flashing our wealth around), not repaying debts.

Family Sins

failing to discipline children, over disciplining children to exasperation, husbands who fail to love or lead their wife or treat her as an equal or are prepared to die for her, husbands who yell at their wives in conflict situations instead of communicating in a respectful manner, not valuing our spouse as more important than ourself, husbands who do not provide for the financial needs of our family.

Sexual Sins

fornication, adultery (sex with anyone other than our spouse), living common law, casual sex between two singles, shacking, prostitution, sensuality, pornography, internet porn, impurity, incest, rape, sinful lust.

Partying Sins

drunkenness, drinking parties, reveling, smoking/use of drugs, recreational use of marijuana & ecstasy, dirty or vulgar jokes, over eating, squandering money with gambling or loose living, dressing or acting like a harlot.

Religious Sins

atheism, denying Satan exists, denying Jesus died on the cross or rose from the dead, hating God, sorcery, idolatry, fortune-telling, casting spells, interpreting omens, calling up the dead, mediums and spiritists, soothsayers, séances, Ouija boards, horoscopes, witchcraft, paganism, divination, worshipping nature or cows or statues of fat men, praying to dead Christians instead of to God, not praying, repeating the same prayer many times in a row, not attending church weekly, any doctrine not taught in the Bible blueprint, taking God's name in vain by saying, "Oh my God" or "Jesus Christ" when not saying it to God, loving pleasure rather than God, vow breaking, failing to eat the Lord's supper every Sunday, not giving money weekly to church from our abundance, adding to or subtracting from the Bible, insubordination towards God.

<http://www.bible.ca/psychiatry/psychiatry-mental-illness-cures-DSM-7-divine-sin-manual-inventory-of-155-sinful-behaviours.htm>

Sin

Which of these applied to you?

Heart sins

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The Master came to set us free from all this ailments of the souls, to grant forgiveness, and peace

(Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls)

All sin is against God

In Psalm 51 David acknowledges sin is against God

a. **Psalm 51:4** Against You, You only, I have sinned And
done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are
justified when You speak And blameless when You
judge.

In Genesis 39 Joseph also acknowledges sin is against
God

a. **Genesis 39:9**

No one is greater in this house than I am. My master
has withheld nothing from me except you, because
you are his wife. **How then could I do such a
wicked thing and sin against God?**"

Sin-Conclusion

1. “The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know over what they(we) stumble.” (Proverbs 4:19)
2. We are all sinners but Jesus died on the cross so that all our sins could be forgiven and forgotten.
3. Now that is very good news indeed. Excellent news

Hand in hand with our sins and grave problems is why Christ came and had to die

Death and Christ's Resurrection

Resurrection in I Cor 15 in outline

- A. I Cor 15:1-11 Gospel is founded on resurrection of Jesus the Christ
- B. I Cor 15:12-28 If no resurrection of dead, Christ is not raised, gospel is dead/vain/useless
 - i. I Cor 15:12-19 Dead not raised: If true what are the consequences?
 - ii. I Cor 15:20-28 Christ's resurrection is a prototype for what is to come
- C. I Cor 15:29-34 if resurrection of Christ was false, what are consequences for Christian living?

Death and Christ's Resurrection

I Cor 15:1-8 The Resurrection of Christ

1. Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

3. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^a : that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4. that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5. and that he appeared to Cephas,^b and then to the Twelve. 6. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8. and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

Death and Christ's Resurrection

I Cor 15:1-11 Gospel is founded on resurrection of Jesus the Christ

A. Within 2 years of resurrection is handed down

1. Messiah died for our sins

1. He was buried [underscores that Jesus died, that His body was then raised leaving an empty tomb behind, without the body but grave cloths still wrapped intact Mat 27:59, Luke 23:50-53,24:12; John 19:38-40,20:4-8],

2. He has been raised on the third day according to the scriptures

Death and Christ's Resurrection

- A. Based on historical evidence/witnesses—was seen (Paul is saying you can call on these witnesses and ask them yourself)
- B. Cephas, twelve, more than 500 at the same time (most still alive, some have died),
- C. James (Josephus mentions he is killed by stoning by Annaus high Priest) and all apostles
- D. Then last of all to Paul (came to an end with Paul)

Death and Christ's Resurrection

Verse 12: **Some in the Corinthian Church have been saying there is no resurrection of the dead that is the resurrection of God's people in the future does not and cannot happen. If true what are the consequences?**

(i) 1Co 15:13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, **then Christ is not risen.**

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

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(v) 1Co 15:16 For if the dead do not rise, **then Christ is not risen**

1Co 15:17 And if Christ is not risen, **your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!**

Ro 4:25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

(vi) 1Co 15:18 Then also **those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.** The doubters imply the already dead in Christ are lost forever.

(vii) 1Co 15:19 **If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.** (see 2Ti 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

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1Co 15:20 ¶ But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits [aparche-first fruits, the first sheaths of the harvest which is a guarantee of what is come for God's people] of those who have fallen asleep.

I Cor 15:20-28: Jesus Christ's resurrection is a prototype for what is to come

Death and Christ's Resurrection

(ii) 1Co 15:21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead;

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die [continuous event], even so in Christ all shall be [future, has not happened yet] made alive.

(iii) 1Co 15:23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

**There is an order to the resurrection.
Started with Christ. Us at Christ's coming.**

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(iv) 1Co 15:24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. Then when the end comes: those dead, and those alive.

(v) 1Co 15:25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

(vi) 1Co 15:26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

Death has been defeated already in the resurrection of Christ, and so by extension death will be finally defeated in our case also.

Death and Christ's Resurrection

1Co 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, **and the dead will be raised incorruptible**, and we shall be changed.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written:
"Death is swallowed up in victory."

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1Co 15:55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

1Co 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Why did Christ have to come to earth?

1 John 3:8

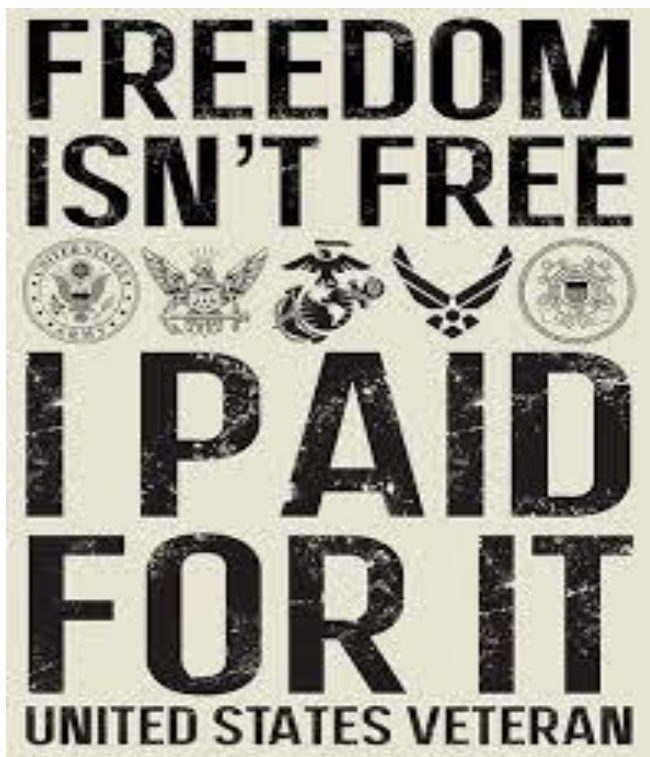
The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. *The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.*

Hebrews 2:14

Therefore, since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity, **so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death, that is, the devil,**

Christ come to destroy sin and death: sin=devil's work and death=power of devil over the world

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Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, **but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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1 Tim 2:5

There is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus



What does the Gospel do for us?

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, because it **is** the **power of God that brings salvation** to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Acts 26:18 to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in [Christ].



Sin and Death and Christ's Resurrection

Take home for all of us:

All men/women/us are sinners.

All will die.

Christ is the only one who can save us from sin and death.

That is the good news.

Jesus saves only those who will obey Him. Have you obeyed? Will you obey today?

Antidote for Sin and Death: Christ's dearh, burial, and resurrection

What must we do to obey Him?

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What must we do to obey Him?-Believe

John 8:24

**I told you that you would die in your sins; if
you do not believe that I am he, you will
indeed die in your sins.”**

Hebrews 11: 6

**And without faith it is impossible to please God,
because anyone who comes to him must believe
that he exists and that he rewards those who
earnestly seek him**

Antidote for Sin and Death: Christ's dearh, burial, and resurrection

What must we do to obey Him?-Repent

Luke 13:3, 5

3 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

Acts 17:30, 31

30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.

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What must we do to obey Him?-Public Confession

Mat 10:32

**32“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will
also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.**

Rom 10:9,10

**9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,”
and believe in your heart that God raised him from
the dead, you will be saved. 10For it is with your
heart that you believe and are justified, and it is
with your mouth that you profess your faith and are
saved.**

Antidote for Sin and Death: Christ's death, burial, and resurrection

What must we do to obey Him?-Baptism is required

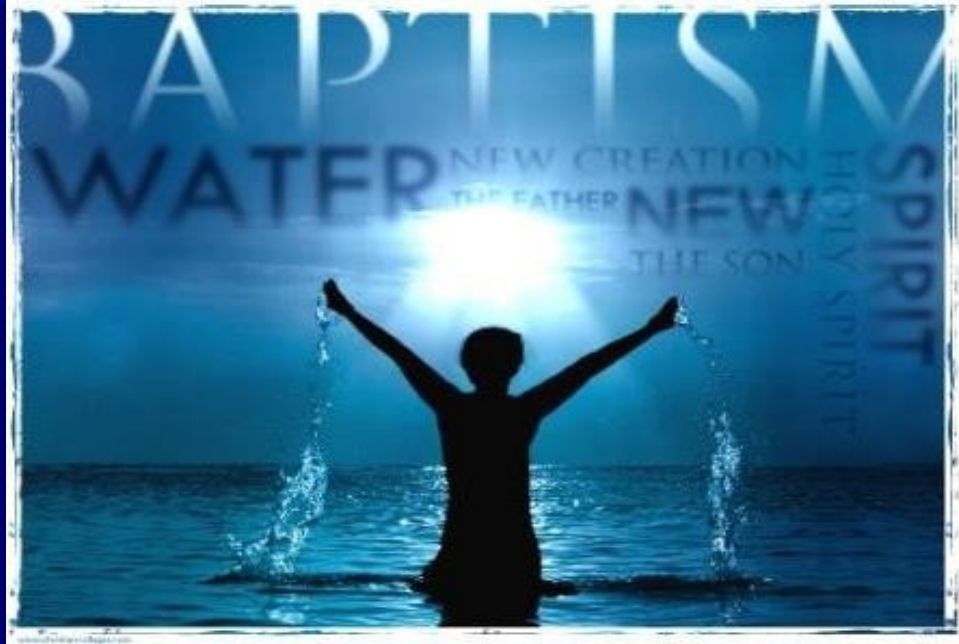
Acts 2:38

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

Rom 6:4

4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

If you haven't obeyed the Gospel Of Christ, why are you waiting, what are you waiting for?



“And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” and you will receive His enabling Spirit **Acts 22:16; Act 2:38b**