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TURN ON A
DIME**

“BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD, WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD” JOHN 1:29

His entire life's purpose was to *“make straight the path of the Lord”* **John 1:23**

He was symbolic of decrease of the old covenant and Jesus being, the beginning of the New Covenant,

“I must decrease and He must increase” **John 3:30**

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JOHN 1:29

Most Christians believe God died for sin - hates sin - and it's their duty to do all they can to, not sin.

THE CHRISTIAN'S SINFUL NATURE !!?

AND

MOST CHRISTIANS BELIEVE

SIN IS STILL IN THEM

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**JESUS DID MORE THAN JUST SAVE US IN OUR SINS,
HE SAVED US FROM OUR SIN.**



A CHRISTIAN **SHOULD NOT IDENTIFY** AS A SINNER SAVED BY GRACE !

ROMANS 7 – CONFUSION

- Didn't Paul say he was the chief of all sinners
- Didn't Paul say, he dies daily

If we are the Romans 7 man, we are carnal, sold under sin, wretched to the core; designed for failure, slaves to a life of sinfulness, barely distinguishable from an unbeliever.

“for we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin”. **Romans 7:14. INCONSISTENCIES**

“For he who has died has been freed from sin”. **Romans 6:7**

“And having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness” **Romans 6:18**

“But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have fruit to holiness and the end, everlasting life”. **Romans 6:22**

“For one who has died has been set free from sin”. **Romans 6:7**

“So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus”. **Romans 6:11**

“For sin will not have dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace”. **Romans 6:14**

“But thanks be to God, that you who **were** once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed”. **Romans 6:17**

“For when you were slaves of sin, you **were** free in regard to righteousness”. **Romans 6:20**

*”But I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me **captive** to the law of sin that dwells in my members” Rom 7:23*

Compared with

“for the law of the Spirit of Life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death”. Romans 8:2

Huge inconsistencies

The Romans 7 man struggles obeying Mosaic law; yet Paul had already taught a believer is released from the law

Romans 6:14. *“for sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace”*

Romans 7:23 Paul said he was in captivity to the law of sin.

Paul’s conclusion of Romans 7, four verses later

Romans 8:2, *“we are free from the law of sin by the Spirit of life in Christ”*

Early church fathers

Dodd, Moffatt, and Wesley agreed Romans 7:14-23 is not the Christian experience.

Martin Luther and John Calvin decided it was the Christian experience, but admitted a struggle to reconcile the strong slavery to sin pictured in the passage.

Martin Luther believes we righteousness is imputed to us but not imparted – we are progressively made righteous.

Bumper sticker – I'm not perfect, just forgiven!

BUT THE TRUTH IS

- **A BORN AGAIN NATURE**
- **A NEW HEART**
- **A NEW SPIRIT**
- **A NEW PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
- **A NEW CREATION**
- **A NEW MAN, A NEW PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
- **BELIEVERS ARE REFERRED TO AS THE CHURCH OF THE FIRST BORN**

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2 Corinthians 5:17 *therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here”*

Romans 6:6-7

“We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin”



We're eagerly awaiting Him

Hebrews 9:28

“so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him”

SIN WAS IN THE WORLD BEFORE THE CROSS.

SIN IS STILL HERE IN THE WORLD, AFTER THE CROSS.

The Law shows us the depravity of sin ...

SO THAT SIN COULD BE UTTERLY SINFUL

“for sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived and killed me. So the law is holy and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Did that which was good then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure”.

Romans 7:11-13

10 commandments – Law of sin & death

Ministry of condemnation and death

2 Corinthians 2:7

*“Now if the **ministry of death**, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses’ face because of its glory which was **being brought to an end**, will not **the ministry of the Spirit** have even more glory.*

*For if there was glory in the **ministry of condemnation**, the ministry of **righteousness must far exceed it in glory”***

SIN

... IT SEPARATES

Separates families, separates marriages, separates friends.

IT'S IN THE WORLD SYSTEM

BUT IT IS NOT IN YOU

if you are a Believer

WHAT IS SIN !

James 4:17

“So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin”

It's not of faith!

DOES SIN MEAN I LOSE MY SALVATION

John 10:28 – *No one shall snatch you out of My hand.*

Romans 8:38-39 – *nothing is able to separate us from the love of God*

Ephesians 1 – *you were sealed with the Holy Spirit who is given as a pledge of our inheritance*

Hebrews 7:25 – *He is able to save you forever*

Hebrews 13:5 – *I will never desert you, I will never forsake you*

1 Peter 1:4 – *you are protected by the power of God for a salvation that will be revealed in the last day*

Romans 11:29 – *the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable*

Philippians 1:6 - *I began a good work in you and I will carry you on to completion*

Jude 1:24 – *we will stand in the presence of His glory, blameless and with great joy.*

ONE SPIRIT WITH THE LORD

Hebrews 4:14

“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need”.

DECEITFULNESS OF SIN

Hebrews 3:13:

“but exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today”, that none of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

Ephesians 5:15

“look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the most the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is”

WE FEEL THE TEMPTATION OF SIN !

ROMANS

SIN USED TWICE AS A VERB

46 TIMES AS A NOUN

It's an entity; a force

It's a personification – a person or thing regarded as embodying a quality, concept etc.

A personality; an independent power, not just an action.

SIN IS CROUCHING AT THE DOOR

-a personified force against Cain

Genesis 4:7

*"if thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin (chatta'ah) lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be **his desire,** and thou shalt rule over **him**".* King James version

Hebrew wording – "his", "him"

Hebrew "desire" – "desire, longing, craving ... of a beast to devour"

SIN IS EXTERNAL

Hebrews 12:1. *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us”.*

(not occupying our nature or indwelling us).

1 Peter 2:11. *“Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh which wage war against your soul”*

(waging war against our souls (mind, will and emotions), not from within our souls.)

Hebrews 12:4. *“In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your own blood”*

Romans 6:12 *“let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body* (as if it has a say in our lives), *to make you obey its passions* (we believed they were ours and gave in to them)”

sin desires to reign in our bodies, but it's not in our mortal bodies.

2 Peter 1:4 *“By which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, **having escaped the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire”**.*

(we are free from the **corruption of the world & the sinful desire that causes it**. We are NOW in Christ. Sin entered the world through one man, ADAM - Romans 5:12)

Romans 6:1-2 *“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?”*

(We died to sin (Roms 6:11 consider yourself dead to sin & alive to Christ). We are also FREE FROM SIN (Romans 6:7; 18 slaves of righteousness, 22 been set free from sin & become slaves of God). That includes freedom from its passions and desires).

Galatians 5:24 *“And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires”*

(We are new creations, however, we are still in the world and can adopt wrong ways of thinking or feeling).

WE ARE NOT THE SUM TOTAL OF OUR THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS

**We are the sum total of what Christ achieved on the Cross
and what Scripture declares about you and me!**