

## RETHINKING THE PROBLEM OF SIN (Pt. 2) 2 COR. 13:4

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<sup>4</sup> His weak, human body died on the cross, but now he lives by the mighty power of God. We, too, are weak in our bodies, as he was, but now we live and are strong, as he is, and have all of God's power to use in dealing with you.

**2 Corinthians 13:4 (TLB)**

#### 1. DEFINITION – WHAT IS SIN?

##### A. Sin is the opposite of God and good

<sup>7</sup> All he does is just and good, and all his commandments are trustworthy.  
**Psalm 111:7 (NLT2)**

<sup>10</sup> "Listen to me, you who have understanding. Everyone knows that God doesn't sin! The Almighty can do no wrong. **Job 34:10 (NLT2)**

##### B. Sin is the opposite of love

<sup>12</sup> Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,  
**Matthew 24:12 (NIV)**

##### C. Sin is always selfishness

<sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. **James 3:16 (NIV)**

##### D. Sin is always unbelief in who God is

<sup>8</sup> "And when he has come he will convince the world of its sin, and of the availability of God's goodness, and of deliverance from judgment. <sup>9</sup> The world's sin is unbelief in me;  
**John 16:8-9 (TLB)**

#### EXAMPLES: ANYTIME I AM:

FEARFUL OR ANXIOUS  
IMPATIENT  
RESENTFUL OR BITTER  
CARRYING GUILT  
FEELING INADEQUATE

#### I SHOW MY UNBELIEF IN:

GOD'S PROMISES  
GOD'S PERFECT TIMING  
GOD'S WISDOM  
GOD'S FORGIVENESS  
GOD'S POWER

#### 2. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH SIN?

##### A. I was born with a selfish desire to sin

<sup>14</sup> We know that the law is spiritual, but I am not spiritual since sin rules me as if I were its slave. <sup>15</sup> I do not understand the things I do. I do not do what I want to do, and I do the things I hate. <sup>16</sup> And if I do not want to do the hated things I do, that means I agree that

the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But I am not really the one who is doing these hated things; it is sin living in me that does them. ...<sup>23</sup> But I see another law working in my body, which makes war against the law that my mind accepts. That other law working in my body is the law of sin, and it makes me its prisoner. **Romans 7:14-17, 23 (NCV)**

##### B. Sin breaks my fellowship with God

<sup>2</sup> But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. **Isaiah 59:2 (NIV)**

##### C. Every time I sin, something dies inside me

<sup>15</sup> These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. **James 1:15 (NLT2)**

##### D. My sin may be a secret but it's never \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>23</sup> But if you fail to keep your word, then you will have sinned against the LORD, and you may be sure that your sin will find you out. **Numbers 32:23 (NLT2)**

##### E. Sin does \_\_\_\_\_ damage

<sup>8</sup> Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. **Galatians 6:8 (NLT2)**

##### F. Disobeying God is neither fun nor \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>23</sup> Doing wrong is fun for a fool, but living wisely brings pleasure to the sensible. **Proverbs 10:23 (NLT2)**

#### 3. HOW DO I \_\_\_\_\_ FREE?

##### A. Understand what Jesus did for me

<sup>24</sup> Christ carried our sins in his body on the cross so that freed from our sins, we could live a life that has God's approval. His wounds have healed you. **1 Peter 2:24 (GW)**

##### B. Let God give me a new nature

<sup>9</sup> But you are not like that. You are controlled by your new nature if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that if anyone doesn't have the Spirit of Christ living in him, he is not a Christian at all.) **Romans 8:9 (TLB)**

##### C. Change the way I think about sin

<sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. **Romans 6:11 (NIV)**

##### D. Challenge the lie behind every temptation

<sup>4</sup> "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. **Genesis 3:4 (NIV)**