

The Deceitfulness Of Sin

Hebrews 3:12-15

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1. No need for Christians to worry about sin.

- Why the warnings in 2 Peter 3:17; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13; Romans 11:20
- What are we to learn from Ananias & Sapphira in Acts 5? Sin still matters to God.
- As opposed to Paul's attitude in Philippians 3:12-14; Romans 6:1
- "Sin no more" – John 8:11; 1 John 2:1; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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2. Maybe it really isn't a sin after all.

- Satan seeks to create doubt. Genesis 3:4-5
- If it doesn't hurt anyone else, is it really sin? Matthew 5:27; 2 Corinthians 10:3; Philippians 4:8
- Are we trying to redefine sin? i.e., adultery ...
- Hebrews 3:13

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3. Sin's passing pleasures

- Can we see beyond the moment? Hebrews 11:24-26
- Discerning the temporal from the eternal – 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- Learn from Esau – Hebrews 12:16-17

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4. Maybe we won't be held accountable.

- Maybe Jesus won't come again? 2 Thessalonians 2:3; Ephesians 5:6; 2 Peter 3:3-9
- The real premise behind once saved, always saved.
- The effect of judgment not executed quickly – Ecclesiastes 8:11-12
- The truth? 2 Corinthians 5:10; Acts 17:30-31

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5. Sin only involves doing things I shouldn't.

- James teaches otherwise. James 4:17
- Need to prove ourselves "doers" of God's will. James 1:22
- Matthew 25 is about judgment upon those who didn't do what they should have. Luke 17:10
- Ezra's 3 steps to please God. Ezra 7:10 – don't stop at #1

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6. That we can sow to the flesh and reap eternal life.

- Don't be deceived! Galatians 6:7-8
- Can't live with a fleshly mindset and focus and achieve spiritual results. 1 Corinthians 3:1ff; Colossians 3:1-2; Romans 8:5-7

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7. That we have plenty of time to repent and be reconciled to God.

- We don't know. James 4:13-17
- No promise of another opportunity. Luke 12:20
- The door will shut some day. Luke 13:24-25