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FACTS ON THE SEVERE EFFECTS OF SIN

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Characterization of the Disease of Sin

Proclaiming that sin is a disease is a description that very few people would consider and even fewer people are able to accept. The fact remains, that when you evaluate the characteristics associated with diseases, sin fits perfectly. A case in point,

- **DISEASES CAN BE CHARACTERIZED AS CONTAGIOUS, SO CAN SIN.**
- **DISEASES CAN BE CHARACTERIZED AS DESTRUCTIVE, SO CAN SIN.**
- **DISEASES CAN BE CHARACTERIZED AS LIFE THREATENING, SO CAN SIN.**
- **DISEASES CAN BE CHARACTERIZED AS DEADLY, SO CAN SIN.**
- **DISEASES CAN BE CHARACTERIZED AS TREATABLE, SO CAN SIN.**

It is also important to understand that the disease of sin has variations just like other diseases. For example, a person may contract a cold, but there are many variations of a cold. A cold may be diagnosed as either a common cold or a severe cold. The common cold may be a head or a chest cold. The symptoms usually consist of coughing, congestion, a sore throat, and a runny nose. On the other hand, a severe cold may be diagnosed as either the flu or pneumonia. Severe cold symptoms usually consist of high fever, body aches, inflammation of the lungs and in some cases death.

The disease of sin also has similar variations, but many people make the mistake of considering most sins to be common. However, such a conclusion is very dangerous because all variations of sin are severe and they ultimately lead to death. The book of Proverbs 6:16-18 provides some specific variations of the disease of sin that are quite fatal. It reads;

"THESE SIX THINGS DOETH THE LORD HATE: YEA, SEVEN ARE AN ABOMINATION UNTO HIM: A PROUD LOOK, A LYING TONGUE, AND HANDS THAT SHED INNOCENT BLOOD, AN HEART THAT DEVISETH WICKED IMAGINATIONS, FEET THAT BE SWIFT IN RUNNING TO MISCHIEF, A FALSE WITNESS THAT SPEAKETH LIES, AND HE THAT SOWETH DISCORD AMONG BRETHREN." These variations are more commonly known as the **SEVEN DEADLY SINS**. Specifically, verses 16-18 describe **PRIDE, AVARICE, LUST, ANGER, GLUTTONY, ENVY, AND LAZINESS.**

When the effect that sin has on our human existence is assessed, it can be said that sin is the root from which all disease grows and blossoms. Statisticians have compiled reports which arrange diseases according to their fatality rates on human life. The statisticians don't mention sin specifically in their reports. They usually make reference to deaths resulting from excessive or promiscuous activity, poor eating or drinking habits, and extravagant or rebellious living. However, if we take a closer look at the causes of death listed in those reports we will notice that they are the offspring of the disease of sin.

If we delve deeply into those reports we discover that they reveal that alcoholism, drug addiction, and sexually transmitted diseases are the overwhelming causes of death not only in the United States, but throughout the world. However, those reports do not show the correlation between these diseases and the disease of sin. A closer study will reveal that deaths that have been associated with alcohol, drugs, and sexually transmitted diseases, are actually the result of variations of the disease of sin. In other words, the statisticians' report should indicate that two of the primary causes of death in the world is gluttony and lust.

A glutton is described as someone who consumes excessive amounts of food and drink, and lust is described as an intense or unrestrained desire. Here in these descriptions lie the differences in the worldly view and the proverbial view. The world attributes a person's demise or death to alcohol poisoning, a drug overdose, or the contraction of a sexual disease. Proverbs attributes a person's death to gluttony and lust. Therefore, a person whose death is due to alcohol abuse, drug abuse, or a sexually transmitted disease may be characterized as a glutton or luster of alcohol, drugs or promiscuous sexual activity.

The Nature of the Disease of Sin

What is the **NATURE OF THE DISEASE OF SIN**? To get the answer we must define the disease of sin and identify the attributes of the disease of sin.

What is Sin?

- **SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF A DIVINE COMMAND.** In other words, **SIN RESULTS FROM OVERSTEPPING THE LAW, WHICH IS THE DIVINE BOUNDARY THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY GOD.** 1 John 3:4 tells us that; **"WHOSOEVER COMMITTED SIN TRANGRESSETH ALSO THE LAW: FOR SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW."**
- **SIN IS INIQUITY OR IS AN ACT THAT IS INHERENTLY WRONG.**
- **SIN IS THE FAILURE TO ATTAIN THE DIVINE STANDARD.** Stated another way, **SIN IS "MISSING THE MARK."** We know that this is true because Paul said in Romans 3:23; **"FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD."**
- **SIN IS "TRESPASSING" OR INTRUDING ON THE WILL OF GOD WITH OUR SELF-WILL.**
- **SIN IS UNGODLINESS.**
- **SIN IS FAILING TO DO WHAT WE KNOW TO DO.**
- **ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS IS SIN.**
- **SIN IS UNBELIEF.** Jesus rendered specific words in John 8:24 about sin and unbelief when saying; **"I SAID THEREFORE UNTO YOU, THAT YE SHALL DIE IN YOUR SINS, FOR IF YE BELIEVE NOT THAT I AM HE, YE SHALL DIE IN YOUR SINS."**

The Attributes of Sin

Now, when we identify the attributes of sin, we discover that they project negative and unpleasant things. The scriptures identify sin by depicting that:

- **SIN IS A LIE;**
- **SIN IS A DELUSION;**
- **SIN IS DARKNESS;**
- **SIN IS SEPARATION;**
- **SIN IS PERVERSION;**
- **SIN IS SERVITUDE;**
- **SIN IS EMPTINESS;**
- **SIN IS A MISTAKE;**
- **SIN RENDERS THE SOUL GUILTY BEFORE GOD;**
- **SIN PRODUCES A STATE OF WICKEDNESS;**
- **SIN RUINS LIFE AND HOPE;**
- **SIN RESULTS IN DISTORTION;**
- **SIN DEFILES THE SOUL;**
- **SIN CORRUPTS THE SOUL;**
- **SIN ENSNARES THE SOUL**

The Extent of the Disease of Sin

After the cause and nature of sin is determined, the extent of the disease must be established. There are diseases which affect a small area, while others affect a larger area. The **DISEASE OF SIN** affects a large area because it is a **UNIVERSAL DISEASE.**

SIN IS A UNIVERSAL DISEASE because **IT HAS NO PREFERENCES OR PREJUDICES. SIN AFFECTS EVERY CONTINENT, EVERY COUNTRY, EVERY NATION, EVERY RELIGION, AND EVERY GENDER.** Simply put, **"SIN PLAYS NO FAVORITES."**

The Effects That Sin Has On People

Now that the initial facts regarding the disease of sin have been compiled, we must concentrate on the effects that sin has on people. The effects that sin has on people are enumerable. However, we want to focus on three particular effects.

The first effect of **SIN** is that it **RESULTS IN A DISTORTED VIEW OF SPIRITUAL THINGS OR BLINDS THE PERSON ENTIRELY**. In the book of John 9:39-41, Jesus describes this particular effect of sin to the Pharisees. Verses 39-41 read; **"AND JESUS SAID, FOR JUDGMENT, I AM COME INTO THIS WORLD THAT THEY WHICH SEE NOT MIGHT SEE; AND THAT THEY WHICH SEE MIGHT BE MADE BLIND. AND SOME OF THE PHARISEES WHICH WERE WITH HIM HEARD THESE WORDS, AND SAID UNTO HIM, ARE WE BLIND ALSO? JESUS SAID UNTO THEM, IF YE WERE BLIND, YE SHOULD HAVE NO SIN: BUT NOW YE SAY, WE SEE, THEREFORE YOUR SIN REMAINETH."**

The second effect of **SIN** is that it **CORRUPTS THE SOUL**. Romans 1:28-32 renders these words about the corruption of the soul; **"AND EVEN AS THEY DID NOT LIKE TO RETAIN GOD IN THEIR KNOWLEDGE, GOD GAVE THEM OVER TO A REPROBATE MIND, TO DO THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT CONVENIENT. BEING FILLED WITH ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, FORNICATION, WICKEDNESS, COVETOUSNESS, MALICIOUSNESS; FULL OF ENVY, MURDER, DECEIT, MALIGNITY, WHISPERS, BACKBITERS, HATERS OF GOD, DESPITEFUL, PROUD, BOASTERS, INVENTORS OF EVIL THINGS, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING, COVENANT BREAKERS, WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTION, INPLACABLE, UNMERCIFUL; WHO KNOWING THE JUDGMENT OF GOD, THAT THEY WHICH COMMIT SUCH THINGS ARE WORTHY OF DEATH, NOT ONLY DO THE SAME, BUT HAVE PLEASURE IN THEM THAT DO THEM."**

The third and final effect of **SIN** is that it **HARDENS THE CONSCIENCE**. Put another way, **SIN DESENSITIZES OR NUMBS A PERSON'S VIEW OF RIGHT AND WRONG, GOOD AND EVIL, AND GUILT AND INNOCENCE**. A person who is afflicted with the disease of sin has no sense of remorse or compassion when they have knowingly committed an illegal, immoral, or ill-conceived act. Paul reiterates this in Ephesians 4:17-19 when he says; **"THIS I SAY THEREFORE, AND TESTIFY IN THE LORD, THAT YE HENCEFORTH WALK NOT AS OTHER GENTILES WALK, IN THE VANITY OF THEIR MIND, HAVING THE UNDERSTANDING**

DARKENED, BEING ALIENATED FROM THE LIFE OF GOD THROUGH THE IGNORANCE THAT IS IN THEM, BECAUSE OF THE BLINDNESS OF THEIR HEART: WHO BEING PAST FEELING HAVE GIVEN THEMSELVES OVER UNTO LASCIVIOUSNESS, TO WORK ALL UNCLEANNESS WITH GREEDINESS."

The Sin-Full Zone and Sin-Free Zone

It is crucial, especially with life threatening diseases, that steps be taken to restrict the spread of the disease. This is also the case with the disease of sin. Preventing the spread of a disease is usually accomplished by establishing a safe zone and a danger zone. These zones are constructed so that they are easy to identify. For the disease of sin, these zones are the **SIN-FULL ZONE** and **SIN-FREE ZONE**. The question that arises is **"HOW DO WE KNOW WHICH ZONE IS FULL OF SIN AND WHICH ZONE IS FREE OF SIN?"** Here's how you can distinguish between the two.

People who are in the **SIN-FULL ZONE** are surrounded by: **LIES, SORROW, DECEPTION, DECEIT, PAIN, DESTRUCTION, GREED, HEAVY BURDENS, DESOLATION, FEAR, ENVY, INTIMIDATION, HATRED, IMPATIENCE, MANIPULATION, GRIEF, IGNORANCE, CORRUPTION, MISERY, INJUSTICE, TRANSGRESSION, STRIFE, DISOBEDIENCE, CONFUSION, DEFEAT, DARKNESS, OPPRESSION, DEATH and DEPRESSION.**

People who are in the **SIN-FREE ZONE** are surrounded by: **TRUTH, PLEASURE, ILLUMINATION, HONESTY, PEACE, GOD THE FATHER, LOVE, HAPPINESS, JESUS THE REDEEMER, JOY, RIGHTEOUSNESS, HOLY GHOST THE COMFORTER, GRACE, FORGIVENESS, MERCY, INCORRUPTION, JUSTICE, SALVATION, WISDOM, JUSTIFICATION, KNOWLEDGE, SANCTIFICATION, LIGHT, and GLORIFICATION.**

Consequences Of Prolonged Exposure To Sin

As with any disease, the consequences of the acquisition or prolonged exposure to that disease must be specified. There are four principal consequences to prolonged exposure to sin.

First, **SIN RESULTS IN DEATH**. Paul explicitly says in Romans 6:23; **"FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD."**

Second, **SIN RESULTS IN DESTRUCTION**. The book of 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 specifically states; **"IN FLAMING FIRE TAKING VENGEANCE ON THEM THAT KNOW NOT GOD, AND THAT OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: WHO SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD, AND FROM THE GLORY OF HIS POWER."**

Third, **SIN RESULTS IN EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT**. In Matthew 25:46 Jesus describes what will become of those who die from the disease of sin by saying; **"AND THESE SHALL GO AWAY INTO EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT: BUT THE RIGHTEOUS INTO ETERNAL LIFE."**

Last, **SIN RESULTS IN CONDEMNATION**. John 3:18-19 renders these words from Jesus; **"HE THAT BELIEVETH ON HIM IS NOT CONDEMNED: BUT HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT IS CONDEMNED ALREADY BECAUSE HE HATH NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD. AND THIS IS THE CONDEMNATION, THAT LIGHT IS COME INTO THE WORLD, AND MEN LOVED DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT, BECAUSE THEIR DEEDS WERE EVIL."**

Treatment For The Disease of Sin

Finally, when all information regarding the conception, spread and control of the disease is compiled, it is used to develop a remedy or cure for the disease. There are some diseases which are treatable and others that are not treatable. Treatable diseases have medications that can be prescribed to cure an ailment, but untreatable diseases are studied and researched, sometimes for long periods of time, by doctors in the hope of finding a cure. The good news about the disease of sin is that it is a treatable disease. However, the prescription for sin is not one that is available due to the research and expertise of man, neither can this prescription be purchased over the counter at a neighborhood drug store. There is only one prescription on the market that cures sin and that prescription is supplied

by God. Isaiah describes what the prescribed medication had to do to rid us of the disease of sin. It tells us in Isaiah 53:4-6, **"SURELY HE HATH BORNE OUR GRIEFS, AND CARRIED OUR SORROWS; YET WE DID ESTEEM HIM STRICKEN, SMITTEN OF GOD, AND AFFLICTED. BUT HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES: THE CHASTISEMENT OF OUR PEACE WAS UPON HIM: AND WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED."** The prescription that God gives for curing the disease of sin is Jesus Christ.

Message From God The Divine Surgeon General Regarding Sin

God the **"DIVINE SURGEON GENERAL"** says: **"LIVING A LIFE OF SIN IS HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH."** Everyone should also know that **EARLY DETECTION AND TREATMENT OF THE DISEASE OF SIN IS VITAL TO THEIR SURVIVAL. FOR WHEN LEFT UNTREATED, SIN WILL HAVE A DEVASTATING EFFECT ON YOUR PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL WELL BEING. THE LONGER THE DISEASE OF SIN GOES UNTREATED, THE MORE DIFFICULT IT WILL BE TO CURE.**

People must realize that the disease of sin holds them in captivity. People afflicted with this disease are captives like Judah and Israel were captives in the days of Jeremiah. But, just like God had the cure for Judah and Israel back then, God has the cure for man today. For as he said in Jeremiah 33:6; **"BEHOLD, I WILL BRING IT HEALTH AND CURE, AND I WILL CURE THEM, AND WILL REVEAL UNTO THEM THE ABUNDANCE OF PEACE AND TRUTH."** The Lord goes on to say in Jeremiah 33:8, **"AND I WILL CLEANSE THEM FROM ALL THEIR INIQUITY WHEREBY THEY HAVE SINNED AGAINST ME; AND I WILL PARDON ALL THEIR INIQUITIES WHEREBY THEY HAVE SINNED, AND WHEREBY THEY HAVE TRANSGRESSED AGAINST ME."**

Through Christ we receive the medicine of truth which frees us from the captivity of sin. That is why it's crucial that everyone affected by and diagnosed with the disease of sin come to Jesus to be healed.

**RECEIVE THE CURE FOR THE DISEASE OF SIN
RIGHT NOW
JUST FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Offer This Personal Prayer

Father God, be merciful to me a sinner! Let your face be turned from my wrongdoing, and take away all my sins. I'm sorry, Lord. According to Your loving-kindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Please, cure me and rid me of this sin-sickness that has separated me from being one with you. Deliver me from the ways and works of sin and bring me into the ways and works of salvation. This prayer I offer in the name of Jesus, Amen.

2. Make This Statement Acknowledging Jesus and Accepting Him Into Your Life

I confess with my mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in my heart that God has raised Him from the dead. Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame. Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Jesus is able to save those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. We have a friend and helper with the Father, Jesus the Christ. He is the offering not only for my sins, but for all the world.

3. Congratulations and All Glory Be To God!!!

Welcome to the family of persons saved in Jesus Christ!!! Please ask God to lead you to a local church where you can worship the triune person of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, in spirit and in truth.

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