

WHAT SIN DOES TO THE SINNER

INTRODUCTION

- I. Sin is a personal matter, spelled with an "I" in the middle, showing that "I" am involved.
 - A. Sin is defined and described several ways in the Bible, AS: *iniquity, rebellion, transgression* and *unrighteousness*. 1 John 3:4; 5:17; 1 Sam. 15:23-24; Psa. 32:1-2
 - B. Sin is the **result** of yielding to Satan's appeals. Jas. 1:12-16
- II. There are 4 D's that describe WHAT SIN DOES TO THE SINNER.

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, sin DECEIVES THE SINNER. Rom. 7:11

- A. Satan deceives by mislabeling and hoodwinking his customers. 2 Cor. 4:3-4; Prov. 8:32-36; Isa. 5:20; 1 Tim. 2:14; 2 Tim. 3:1 3
 1. Satan is called a deceiver. Rev. 12:9; 20:10
 2. Satan deceives by making "things" too important.
 - a. Worldly entanglements. Gen. 19:15-17, 26
 - b. Family cares. Luke 9:57-62
 - c. Unbelief. Acts 17:32
 - d. Personal conveniences. Acts 24:24-25
 3. Persistence in sin can cause the conscience to become SO hardened that salvation loses it's appeal. Heb. 3:13
- B. God warns us about the consequences of being deceived. Luke 21:8; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 15:33; Gal. 6:7-8

II. 2nd, sin DEFILES THE SINNER. Tit. 1:15

- A. We enter this world clean but we re defiled with sin. Rom. 7:11
 1. The word **defile** means "*to make unclean, to stain, to soil, to make impure, to corrupt.*"
 2. The Bible gives several ways one can become defiled.
 - a. By human inventions. Psa. 106:39; Eccl. 7:29; Jas. 1:27
 - b. By committing murder. Isa. 59:3
 - c. By committing adultery. Num. 5:20; Heb. 13:4
 - d. By corrupting the conscience. Tit. 1:15
 - e. By bitterness. Heb. 12:15
- B. God has a fountain open for cleansing the defilement of sin. Zech. 13:1; Psa. 51:1-2; John 19:32-37; Rev. 1:5; Acts 22:16

III. 3rd, sin DOMINATES THE SINNER.

- A. Any sin can make sinner a SLAVE, under it's domination. Prov. 5:22; John 8:34; Rom. 6:16; 2 Pet. 2:19
 1. The use of any drug or alcohol can enslave the mind and body to the point of uncontrollable domination.
 - a. There is that constant urge for another drink or fix.
 - b. The enslaved will steal or even ill to satisfy those cravings.
 2. The viewing of pornography from magazines, TV or the Internet is enslaving and destructive to the mind.
- B. What a JOY it is to be freed from the domination of sin.

1. We become free by obeying the truth. John 8:32; 1 Pet. 1:22
2. We remain free by walking in the light. 1 John 1:7; 1 Cor. 10:13
3. If we become enslaved again, we CAN be free by confessing sin, forsaking it, and asking for forgiveness. 1 John 1:8-9; Jas. 5:16

IV. 4th, sin DESTROYS THE SINNER.

- A. Sin will destroy our relationship with God while on earth. Isa. 59:1-2
- B. Sin will destroy our relationship with God for eternity, unless we destroy sin in our lives by following Jesus and His word. John 10:17-28; 12:48; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:6

CONCLUSION

- I. Who can actually say, "*I want to be deceived, defiled, dominated and destroyed BY SIN?*"
 - A. By refusing Christ, we are saying that we will accept the consequences of sin.
Rom. 6:23
 - B. By obeying, we are blessed with forgiveness and the hope of heaven.
- II. If you are separated from God by sin, won't you come now in obedience to the gospel and be saved and enjoy what God offers to you?
 - A. If you have never been saved, you need to confess your faith before this audience, repent of every sin of the past, and be immersed in water for the remission of sins.
 - B. If you have obeyed, but have gone astray from a life of faithfulness, you need to repent of those sins, acknowledge them, and seek God's forgiveness through prayer.

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(These are notes from an outline I worked up several years ago and never preached, and cannot recall where I got the idea of the 4 D's. Hope it's originator doesn't mind)