

What Sin Does to the Soul
Genesis 3:2-4
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Thesis: I want to show what sin does the soul.

- Intro:
1. We often talk of how sin affects man but rarely how it affects the soul of man.
 2. Sin affects mankind in a number of ways, but it also affects our soul and does so in a negative way.

I. Sin warps the mind and darkens the soul.

- A. Sin warps the mind into thinking that error is ok (**Gen 3:2-4**).
 1. Mocking God and His commands is the world's way of warping our minds.
 - a. It's peer pressure that exists at every age.
 2. The world mocks those who do not darken their soul with sin (**1 Pt 4:4**)
- B. Sin darkens the Soul by searing the conscience of man (**Mt 23:27-28**)
 1. The world & even some "brethren" attempt to sear the conscience of man towards sin.
 - a. **1 Tim 4:2**
 2. When man's soul is dark, no sin is off limits. (**Pro 2:12-14**)

II. Sin prevents the soul from being filled with light.

- A. Will not inherit (**Gal 5:19-21**)
 1. Those practice such evil do not have the light of Christ within them.
 2. God desires man to come out of darkness in order to be forgiven of sin (**Acts 26:18**).
- B. One spring one kind of water (**James 3:11-12**)
 1. There are many today who are convinced that no matter how they live, they are still a Christian.
 - a. James clearly tells us otherwise.
 2. One cannot be wicked and saved (**James 3:8-10**).
 - a. Blessings and cursing- it cannot happen.

III. Lessons for us today.

- A. Destination of the warped and dark soul (**Rev 21:6-8**)
 1. The Bible is clear about the final dwelling place of those who souls are darkened by sin.
 2. Heaven, would not be heaven, if the wicked lived there also.
- B. A dark & warped soul does not belong to a Christian
 1. A Christian does not possess a dark and warped soul, the two contradict one another.
 2. Therefore, man must repent, or man will perish (**Lk 13:1-5**).

Application & Conclusion:

1. Let us consider the condition of our own soul.
2. Only the honest heart and God knows it's condition.
 - a. Let's make sure our soul is prepared for eternity.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9