

## **Sin is simply separation from God!**

**Psa 51:5 KJV** *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

**Psa 51:5 (Gods Word Trans)** *Indeed, I was born guilty. I was a sinner when my mother conceived me.*

I was reading a book recently and the author used this verse and others, when the Holy Spirit pointed out to me "*Sin is not a dirty word*". Now before you stone me, read on! When we are born we are born with Sin even though we have not yet done anything wrong. Lust, Anger, hatred, Murder, Adultery, Fornication and the such; are all just the fruits of Sin in our life. Read Galatians 5 about the fruits of the flesh and of the Spirit and you will see what I am saying. Adam and Eve chose to separate themselves from God by eating of the forbidden fruit, we either choose to fellowship with God or go our own way.

I once heard a famous preacher say "*I have to force myself to sin*", I did not think much of what he said, actually I called him arrogant, but now I understand what he was saying because that man spent the most of his day talking about the word, fellow-shipping with other believers, meditating upon scripture, listening to praise and worship and basically fellow-shipping with God most of every day. Therefore he was open and ready to hear from the Lord when he was about to do something wrong or if he had an attitude problem.

**Galatians 5:16** shows us that if we are led of the Spirit we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh! The only way we can be led of the Spirit is to stay in contact with him through the word, music, fellowship or whatever way you please, most people only ever have problems during the week when they are not at church, if we had a hard look at ourselves we would see that this is true. Yes we have trials and Tribulations, but that is not an excuse for us to hate or be offended or go steal or whatever you can think of that you know is "*called to be sin*". Remember, this is only the fruit of the sin in your life; which is basically the lack of time spent with God. Sin is separation from God!

Take note that Jesus said in Mat 5:28 that if a man were to look upon a woman and lust after her he has committed adultery in his heart, the sin is already there before the action, same as with the devil, he actually did nothing wrong physically speaking but in his heart he said I will exalt myself above the throne of God, he separated himself from God (and tried to take control) SIN is separation from God, **James 4:5-10** says "Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. **Submit yourselves therefore to God.**

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.** Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and **purify your hearts, ye double minded.** Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

Does that mean I am not saved you ask? NO it does not mean that, God sees us through his son Jesus, we see ourselves as who we are and what we do, the devil condemns us when we slip up, but if we realize that God loved us while we were yet sinners (Rom 5:8), how much more does he love us now we are under the grace of what Jesus done on the cross for us. If you have a problem with Sin in your life or more correctly the fruit of Sin, spend a little more time with God in whatever way you feel. Sin is not a dirty word, it is a condition of our walk with God, the closer we walk with him the less sin we will have, and mind you the less temptation too. Likewise the scriptures show us in 1John 1:8 If we say that we have **no sin**, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. It is by grace we are saved through faith not of works - Eph 2:8. Paul talks about the struggle with Sin in Romans 7 as well, there is no little sin or big sin - sin is sin and the more of it in your life the further from God you are, have a heart check up today, God is faithful to forgive us IF we repent!