

SIN, THE GREAT SEPARATOR

(PART 2)

Isaiah 59:1-2

The Judgment of Sin

- ▣ Righteous. Acts 17:31; Romans 2:2, 5
- ▣ God is just to bring wrath against sinners. Romans 3:5-8
- ▣ God has provided and revealed salvation for all sinners. 2 Peter 3:9; Titus 2:11ff
- ▣ God loves us and provides escape. Romans 5:6-11

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Sinners Can Be Saved

- ▣ No sinner has to remain in sin!
- ▣ Seek and find God. Acts 17:27-28
- ▣ Mercy is offered to all!
Romans 11:30-32

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- World separated from God due to sin.
- The just for the unjust. 1 Peter 3:18
- In Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself.
2 Corinthians 5:18-21
- The word of reconciliation (gospel) commands: "... be ye reconciled to God"
2 Corinthians 5:20
- Jesus completely saves. Hebrews 7:25

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- WHY DID CHRIST COME AND DIE?
 - Man's wisdom cannot answer.
cf. 1 Corinthians 1:18-24
- Not an accident.
 - It was the plan of God. Ephesians 3:11
 - OT sacrifices foreshadowed the sacrifice of Jesus. Hebrews 9:22-23; 10:1-4
 - Jesus is the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" Revelation 13:8
- God's grace vindicates God's law while it saves the sinner, but how?

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- GOD GAVE MAN LAW. Romans 4:15; 5:13-14
 - A pure system of law demands perfect obedience. cf. Romans 7:9-10; 10:5; Galatians 3:10; 3:21, NOTE Galatians 3:11; James 2:10
- MAN DID NOT KEEP GOD'S LAW.
 - No one, except Christ, ever lived the law perfectly. All sinned. Romans 3:23
 - Death came as the result of sin.
Romans 5:12; 6:23; 1:18

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- Christ came in the flesh of man to die for our sins. cf. 1 John 4:1-3; John 1:14; cf. Philippians 2:5
- His death was preceded by a perfect life. Hebrews 4:15; 7:26-27; 1 Peter 2:21-22
 - Jesus lived a perfect life to be the lamb of God without spot and blemish. 1 Peter 1:18-19
- Christ died for MY sins! 1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:2; cf. Romans 10:8ff; Isaiah 53:4; cf. Matthew 11:28

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- WHAT DID HIS DEATH ACCOMPLISH?
 - God's law was upheld. Romans 3:24-26 – God is JUST.
 - God made provision for man's JUSTIFICATION, forgiveness. Hebrews 2:9, 14, 17; Romans 5:8-11, 19
- WHAT HAPPENS NOW WHEN I SIN?
 - Justification, salvation that man did not earn by perfect obedience to law, comes as a "gift" (Romans 6:23) through God's grace "in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1-4; 7:10
 - John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

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The Remedy For Sin

- ☐ The Blood of Christ. Matthew 26:28; Hebrews 9:11-12; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5
- ☐ Remedy must be applied. Romans 6; Hebrews 5:9; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6; 2 Peter 3:9; Romans 10:10; Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 15:58

Consequence: Eternally Lost

- ☐ If the consequences of sin were limited to this present world ... It would be bad enough.
- ☐ If it only affected the body and had no power over the soul ... It would be bad enough.