

# SINS OF THE FLESH (Galatians 5:19-21)

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 E U U L Q W U I G R K A U T D R Q K D X B K  
 N D M Z L I R L I S N Q A O E L Y C M T S W  
 V M E P T T X H T C I C K H I I K G O W R Z  
 Y P V I H C F W E E I L H H D V H P W G L Q  
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 S N W P S F P W M R E L V N G R H L V A L W  
 W V Z X O T C A Y A H Y K P V Q X M G X B J

**Words to Find:**  
*adultery  
 drunkenness  
 emulations  
 envying  
 fornication  
 hatred  
 heresies  
 idolatry  
 lasciviousness  
 murders  
 revellings  
 seditions  
 strife  
 uncleanness  
 variance  
 witchcraft  
 wrath*

## A Hardened Heart

*Bill Brinkworth*

One of the most dangerous conditions for anyone to have, Christian or non-Christian, is mentioned in Hebrews 3. That condition is having one's heart hardened (Hebrews 3:8). It is not referring to a problem with one's physical heart. It is referring to the spiritual part of a person that has determined not to do what God had urged it to do. By refusing to do what God has shown it to do, it is directly disobeying God — a most serious situation!


To make it clear to the Hebrews, Paul reminded them what

hard-heartedness cost their forefathers in the wilderness. While in the wilderness, the Jews had a wonderful opportunity to follow God to a land He had reserved for them. By day, God led them in His direction by going before them in a column of cloud that stretched from heaven to earth. When it moved they moved. When it stopped they stopped. At night, it changed to a column of fire. Although they had many proofs of God's helping them, they still doubted. Unbelief, the root cause of hard-heartedness (Heb. 3:12-13), crept

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## It Isn't Really Fun

*Bill Brinkworth*

When working with young people, I often had to deal with the sin in their lives. Sin was usually the culprit behind most problems they had. After discussing the wrong-doing they were involved with and what the Bible said about it, I sometimes heard the remark, "Oh, God just doesn't want me to have any fun."

The reason God wants all to keep away from sin has nothing to do with prohibiting us from any "fun". His reason is that sin always hurts someone; that is why God hates sin so much. Getting involved in iniquity ruins marriages, robs people of joy, shortens lives, destroys and wastes futures, causes physical problems, short circuits proper thinking, can send a person to hell, and has thousands of other terrible side-effects. No wonder God hates sin so much!

There is also another very important reason why God hates sin. God knows that there is a terrible price tag on all sin. Unless one's sin is paid for

by trusting only on the shed sacrifice of Jesus' blood, there is an eternal price for our iniquities.

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## Born a Sinner

*Bill Brinkworth*

In Romans 3:23, it was pointed out that all are sinners. To most, that is a self-evident statement. Many clearly admit the truth, at least to themselves, because they know their own history. They know that they have sinned.



To others, the important fact necessary for salvation, never is recognized or admitted. These people fail to see that they are sinners.

I remember talking with my grandmother. She was a very good person, but when asked, she refused to admit that she had ever sinned. Grandmom was insulted that anyone would even think that she had ever committed a sin.

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Just as one works all week, and expects a wage for his labors at the end of the time, so will it be at the end of our lives. For the unsaved, the wage for their sins will be an eternity in hell. That is very sad news, but there can be good news. The good news is that there is a gift from God that will get all sinners, that believe and request it, an eternal life in heaven. That gift is receiving Christ as Saviour. *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* Romans 6:23.

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into their thoughts, and they doubted God.

This provoked God (Heb. 3:8) and caused the Israelites to have many trials and tribulations. They missed many of the blessings they could have had because of their hearts were fixed not to believe or trust God. Because their hardened hearts, a possibly six day march to the land God had prepared for them took 40 years. None of the hard-hearted people ever got to

see the promised land, although their off-spring did. Their hearts of unbelief cost them so much.

A hard-hearted condition can just as easily be obtained today, as it was then. When God shows people what salvation is and that they should trust Christ as Saviour today, they are hardening their heart when they postpone the decision after hearing the invitation. When their heart is shown to do something, such as being faithful in church attendance, praying, reading their Bible, tithing, or telling others about salvation, their not doing it is a direct refusal to God. Even slow obedience to a command, or justification in not doing as they are shown, is still unbelief and distrust.

Five times in Hebrews 3 (vss. 7,12,13, 4:7 – two times), Paul mentioned the key to not having a hardened heart. The key is "today". When God shows you something or quietly speaks to your heart in conviction, it is imperative that you obey Him then! Not tomorrow! Not later! It should not be open to debate! Doing it when we want, and not when He commands is a step in hardening one's spiritual heart.

*"The wages of sin is death. There is no minimum wage."*

## Born a Sinner

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Romans 5:12 examines our sinnership in another way that none can dispute. Not only do we commit sin, but we are all born sinners. In this verse, we are reminded that sin entered our race through the first man, Adam. From his offspring to those born today, all have a sin nature passed to them at birth. If one is knowledgeable of the Scriptures and knows what sin is, one should not only know that he has committed sin, but also that he was born with the curse of sin on him. There is no escaping it; all are sinners.

*"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."* Romans 5:12

In order to be saved, it is imperative to first know that you are a sinner. If you were not, there would be nothing to be saved from. However, the Bible clearly says, *"The wages of sin is death ..."*. There is a terrible consequence for our sin, unless it

is covered by the shed blood of Christ.

## Our Own Sins Can Condemn Us

*C. H. Spurgeon (Edited)*

There was once a tyrant who ordered one of his subjects into his presence, and ordered him to make a chain. The blacksmith went to work to forge the chain.

When it was done, he brought it into the presence of the tyrant, and he was ordered to take it away and make it twice the length. He brought it again to the tyrant, and again he was ordered to double its size. Back he came when he had obeyed the order, and the tyrant looked at it, and then commanded the servants to bind the man hand and foot with the chain he had made and cast him into prison.

That is what the devil does with man. He lures him into forging his own chain of miseries, binds him hand and foot with it, and then the man is cast into outer darkness. Sins can take away a man's freedom one day.

Thank God, I can tell you of a Deliverer. The Son of God has power to break every one of those fetters, if you will only come to Him. He can save you from the eternal consequences of your sin.

***"Man often thinks he has to answer for the big sins; as murder, lying, stealing, and adultery. But, as one man counted, there are 663 more that he may have been guilty of violating. ALL have sinned!"***

*"If God put Adam out of this earthly Eden on account of one sin, do you think He will let us into the Paradise above with our tens of thousands sins upon us." — D. L. Moody*