

## The Essence of Sin – Pastor’s Corner

Sin can be defined as humanity missing the mark of God’s will in their lives which bears the notion of falling short and separating us from God. While God sets the mark, it is up to us to choose the will of God, which is designed to give us peace, joy, hope, and life. God is disappointed with our sin but never stops loving us no matter how far we stray away. As beloved children of God, we must realize that even though sin is prevalent in our lives, we are set free by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ so that our lives can be transformed in love.

There is no doubt that sin blinds us, defiles our hearts, and enslaves us, which can easily distract us from God's purpose and eventually destroy our relationship with God and with other individuals. Sin desensitizes humanity in making us uncaring and selfish as life becomes less focused on the needs of others and more on ours. Even though we deserve the punishment for our sins, we have the grace of God, which intercedes for us.

From the very beginning, original sin captured humanity which paved the way for suffering and evil to occur. Without a doubt, sin can be social because our flesh works in our midst and can destroy fellowship, unity, and holiness among us with the rest of the world. The practice of saying no to sin and yes to God is a constant yearning we must desire to have.

The sin around us should make us truly appreciate the sacrifice that Christ did on our behalf. However, sin can be a stumbling block or a huge barrier that makes humanity fail to become aware, acknowledge, or accept responsibility. It realizes that we are far from perfection, but we must turn from our sinfulness and radiate our lives that are only found through our relationship with God. Scripture defines our responsibility through God calling us to do works according to God's purpose and grace for the body of Christ. Amen.

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