

Sin Can No Longer Hide

Matthew 15:16-20

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What is a black hole?

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Hebrew

- **Hatta-** missing the mark
- **Pesa-** breach of relationship, rebellion
- **Resa-** godlessness, wickedness
- **Amal-** oppression, mischief

Greek

- **Hamartia-** offense against God, people, & the law.
- **Paraptoma-** offensive, lapse
- **Adikia-** unrighteousness, injustice
- **Parabasis-** trespass
- **Asebeia-** impiety, godlessness
- **Anomia-** lawlessness

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- **Sin is the failure to do what's right**
- **Sin is rebellion against God**
- **Sin is anything that offends God and people**
- **Sin is a willful failure to obey God's law**
- **Sin is to fall short of God's standard**
- **Sin is to miss the mark of what God intended for us**
- **Sin is a relationship in opposition to God and to people.**
- **Sin is any deviation from God's will**
- **Sin creates a barrier between us and God and people**
- **Sin is the of breaking God's covenant**

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- **Every person has sinned and continues to sin- except Jesus**

Romans 3:23 (NIV). for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

Ecc 7:20 (NIV) “Indeed, there is no one on earth who is righteous, no one who does what is right and never sins.”

- **The one thing you have in common with every person is your sinfulness.**

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The Effects of Sin:

- **Is 64:6- unclean**
- **Josh 7:11 violated God's covenant**
- **Eph 4:18- darkened minds, separated from God, hard hearts.**
- **Rom 8:7- minds hostile to God & won't submit.**
- **Rom 6:23- leads to death**
- **1 John 3:4- lawlessness**
- **Is 59:2- separates us from God, God hides his face**
- **Pro 5:22- ensnares and holds us fast**
- **Rom 6:20- become slaves to sin.**

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- **The Law was given to:**
- **Show God's people what kind of people God created them to be.**
- **Expose sin and name it so we cannot hide it, ignore it, or justify it.**

However, God knew we would fail to obey the law so He built in a system of repentance and restitution so people could rejoin the community.

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- **We most often see sin as disobeying God's laws.**
- **The temptation is to see faith as a list of things we cannot do.**
 - **Problem is we cannot obey the law perfectly for even 1 day**
- **So we make a list of bad sins. Every other sin is easily ignored.**
- **We then measure our faith and other's against our list of sins.**
- **Faith becomes law and works-based. It is a cheap faith.**

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- **The first thing the Bible teaches us about sin is how to identify what is right and wrong.**
- **Faith is a journey from immature to mature spread out over our entire life.**
 - **Faith 101- learning what is right and wrong.**
 - **Faith 201- learning to not respond with sin.**
 - **Faith 301- examining our heart to see if, while not responding outwardly to sin, we harbor it internally.**

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- **There is no neutral “white lie” kind of sin. Sin likes to hide.**
- **Sin twists our character away from God.**
- **The more we participate in sin the more it hardens our heart to God. The more resistant we become to doing the will of God.**

Heb 3:13 (NIV) “But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness

- **All sins are like termites- eating away silently until it’s so broken the building collapses.**

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- **Every sin is against God.**

Ps 51:4 “Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;”

- **We justify the small sins and let them eat away at our lives and our communities.**
- **We justify the small sins, they don't hurt anyone, they will never know what we said about them, or they deserve it.**
- **We invite others into our sin to justify it. Not knowing we are pulling people into our sin & we are creating a culture of sin.**

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- **When we fail to do what we know is good and right we sin.**
James 4:17 (NIV) “If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.”
- **Faith 401 is learning what is good and right and doing it.**
- **Faith 501- examines our heart trying to understand why we might fail to live out what is good and right.**
- **Surrendering our hearts to God to be changed and transformed is one of the most difficult things for people.**

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- **Who is God forming us to be:**
 - **The laws of the Old Testament show us the kind of people we were to be.**
 - **In the New Testament we are called to become like Jesus.**
 - **This is intimidating.**
 - **Another picture is to be people who faithfully and consistently live out the fruit of the Spirit in all areas and relationships of our lives.**
 - **To grow the fruit of the Spirit one must surrender their heart to God.**

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- **Jesus comes to inaugurate His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.**
- **Jesus's death and resurrection disarms the power of sin and death. Jesus atones for sins, forgives our sins, removes our sins, pays the debt of our sins, cleanses us from our sins, frees us from slavery to sin to follow Jesus, no longer entangled or held back by sin, and we have moved from death to life.**

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- **Do you understand that in Christ you are chosen, fully loved, valued and wanted?**
 - **You shall never be separated from the love of Jesus Christ. You don't need to prove your worth or earn your spot in the family.**
- **Do you see the bigger picture of what God is wanting to do in you and in HOPE, and in the church around the world?**
- **Are you still picking off the fruit of sin while neglecting or refusing to give God your heart?**

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- **What stage of faith are you enrolled in? How surrendered are you?**
 - **Faith 101- learning what is right and wrong.**
 - **Faith 201- learning to not respond with sin.**
 - **Faith 301- examining your heart to see if, while not responding outwardly to sin, we harbor it inwardly.**
 - **Faith 401- learning what is good and right and then living it out.**
 - **Faith 501- examining your heart trying to understand why you might fail to live out the good and what is right.**