

“But I say to you
that it will be
more tolerable in
that Day for
Sodom than for
that city”

Luke 10:12



Are all sins the same?



1. Different Eternal Punishments ⁽¹⁾

- Those who rejected God's words will be punished more severely than Sodom and Gomorrah.



1. Different Eternal Punishments (2)

- “And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few” *Luke 12:47-48*



1. Different Eternal Punishments (3)

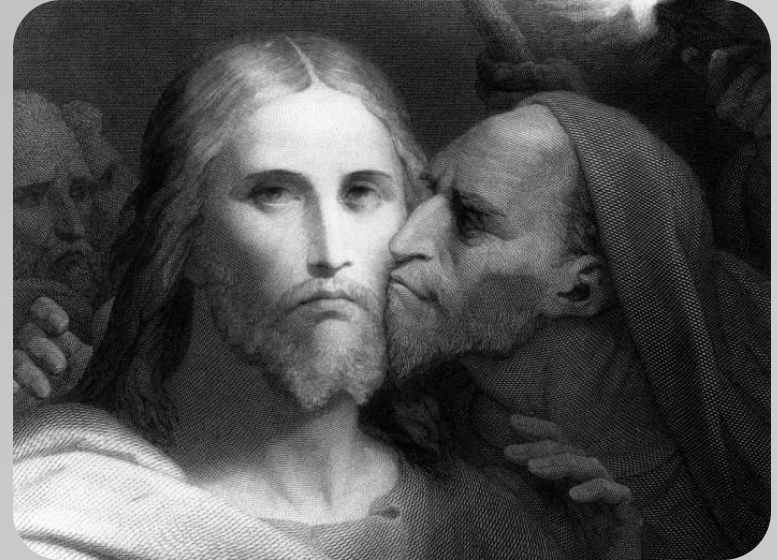
- Sins leading to death and others not: “ If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that”

1 John 5:16



2. Out of weakness or deliberately

- Between St. Peter's denial and Judas Iscariot's betrayal
- Looking at a woman to lust for her and being indulged in a sinful relationship



3. A small shrub or a huge tree

- A temptation on the level of the mind is different than a bad habit that has been taking place for years
- Different level of control over man's will and struggle to rid of them



4. Knowingly and Unknowingly (1)

- The tax collector's prayer mindful of his sins and the Pharisee's prayer not knowing his
- Despising God through offering a despicable sacrifices



4. Knowingly and Unknowingly (2)

- Stealing others and robbing God:

“Will a man rob God?

Yet you have robbed Me!

But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings”

Malachi 3:8



5. Personal or impacting others

- Committing sin as an individual one is different than causing others to stumble. The example of Eli the priest...
- The sin of Jeroboam and the heretics throughout history



6. With intact or masked insight

- There are sins that are committed while man's insight is still intact (reviling, stealing, etc.)
- Other sins can mask the insight entirely and consume the person:
Pride, Anger, and Lust



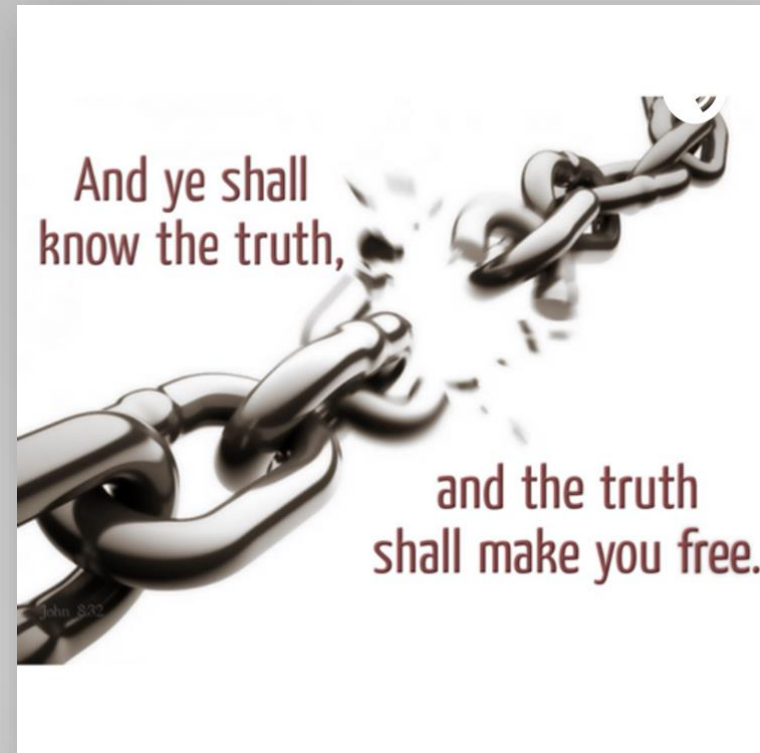
7. By commission or by omission (1)

- Beating a child cruelly is a sin by commission. Neglecting the child's teaching and discipline is a sin by omission.
- Parents involved in either will be responsible before God for a lost soul



7. By commission or by omission (2)

- The responsibility on us now as parents and as a church to equip our children with truth and courage to stand against the flood of the promoted sexual perversions in today's world.



8. Outside or against the body

- “Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body” *1 Cor. 6:18*



Today's desperate need ⁽¹⁾

- No matter what kind of sin a person is struggling against, all of the burden can be undone with a sincere and lasting repentance.



Today's desperate need ⁽²⁾

- It's repentance and the transformational power granted in and through the Lord Christ that the world needs today, not to wrongfully redefine what sin is.

