

Why Do We Sin?

We all know that sin separates us from God, and the wages of sin is death, as written in **Romans 6:23**:

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Yet, despite knowing this, why do we still sin? We sin because we have sold ourselves into the hands of sin, as stated in **Romans 7:14**:

"We know that the law is spiritual, but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin."

But why do we do this? Why would someone sell themselves into the hands of sin? The reason is that they consider themselves to be alive and do not accept the truth that they have already been crucified with Christ, as written in **Galatians 2:20**:

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Because of this, human selfishness drives them to sin. However, we should not do this because it was due to this very sin that we were spiritually dead, but God made us alive, as stated in **Ephesians 2:1**:

"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins."

This resurrection was made possible for us through Christ. Therefore, it is necessary that our new life is lived for Christ and not for sin, which comes from this world.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" – 2 Corinthians 5:17

We must dedicate our lives to God and refrain from returning to sin.

Offering Ourselves as a Sacrifice to God

Thus, it is essential that we offer ourselves as a sacrifice to God in a manner that is pleasing to Him, as written in **Romans 12:1**:

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."

However, instead of walking according to God's will, we follow human traditions, as stated in **Colossians 2:8**:

"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ."

Balancing Rituals and Traditions

Many of us think that since we are in the world, we must follow its customs and traditions. But how can we observe these customs without straying from God? It is crucial that while maintaining worldly relationships, our personal relationship with Christ does not weaken.

1 Corinthians 7:26-35 clearly explains that we must maintain balance between this world and God:

"26 Because of the present crisis, I think that it is good for a man to remain as he is. 27 Are you pledged to a woman? Do not seek to be released. Are you free from such a commitment? Do not look for a wife. 28 But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But those who marry will face many troubles in this life,

and I want to spare you this.

29 What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; 30 those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; 31 those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

32 I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. 33 But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—34 and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. 35 I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord."

Therefore, it is important that we do not remain too attached to the world. Instead, whatever we possess, we should consider as if we do not own it.

Because if we remain immersed in worldly life, we cannot make a fresh start, whereas to see the Kingdom of God, a new birth is essential, as stated in **John 3:3**:

"Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.'"

And once this new beginning takes place, it is eternal, as written in **1 Peter 1:23**:

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."

The Imperishable Word of God

God Himself declares that everything may perish, but His Word will never perish, as written in **Matthew 24:35**:

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

Thus, anyone who is resurrected through this truth is entirely new, as stated in **2 Corinthians 5:17**:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

The Need for a New Heart and Mind

Once we have been made new, our minds should also function in a renewed manner. They should not be entangled in worldly matters as before.

Because God gives us a new mind and heart so that we may know and understand His will, as written in **Ezekiel 36:26**:

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

Therefore, we must leave behind our old life and walk in the new life given by God so that we may understand His perfect will and follow His path.

True Worship That Pleases God

When we receive a new heart and mind from God, it is essential that we worship Him in the way He desires, rather than following human traditions. Because human teachings are man-made doctrines, as seen in **Matthew 15:9**:

"They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules."

Focusing on Heavenly Things

Hence, we must not fix our minds on worldly things but on heavenly things, always seeking them, because we have died to the world and have been raised with Christ, as written in **Colossians 3:1**:

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

Striving for the Kingdom of God

Few people will walk on God's path, as it is difficult, as written in **Luke 13:24**:

"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to."

Reflecting the Image of Christ

By God's grace, some people walk according to His commandments and reflect the image of Christ. This is God's will, as stated in **1 Peter 1:15-16**:

"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'"

Fulfilling God's Will

Only by accepting that our 'self' has died can we fulfill the Lord's will.

If we fail to do this, the cycle of sin will continue. But through God's grace and our sincere devotion, His will can and will be fulfilled.

Amen!

Summary of the Commentary

Sin separates us from God, as stated in **Romans 6:23**, yet we continue to sin because we have sold ourselves to sin (**Romans 7:14**). This happens because we fail to accept that we have already died with Christ on the cross (**Galatians 2:20**). However, through Christ, we have been resurrected to a new life (**Ephesians 2:1**), and this life should be dedicated to Him, not to worldly desires.

To truly live for God, we must offer ourselves as a **living sacrifice** (**Romans 12:1**) and avoid following human traditions over God's commands (**Colossians 2:8**). Since we have died to the world (**Colossians 2:20**), we should focus on **heavenly things** and seek God constantly (**Colossians 3:1**). But only a few will succeed in doing so, as the path is narrow (**Luke 13:24**).

Many claim they have given everything for God's kingdom, but often, they prioritize worldly life over spiritual growth. Therefore, we should not assume we have done enough until we have **resisted sin to the point of shedding blood** (**Hebrews 12:4**). Those who truly walk in God's ways reflect His image and holiness (**1 Peter 1:15-16**).

God's ultimate desire is for us to be **holy like Him**, so that His image is reflected in us. Through this holiness, we will gain authority over the earth, leaving no place for Satan, and transforming the earth into heaven. This will only happen when we fully accept that our **old self is dead** and commit to fulfilling God's will completely. With God's **grace and our faithfulness**, His will **shall be fulfilled**.

Amen!

A flowchart illustrating the complete commentary in a simplified manner:

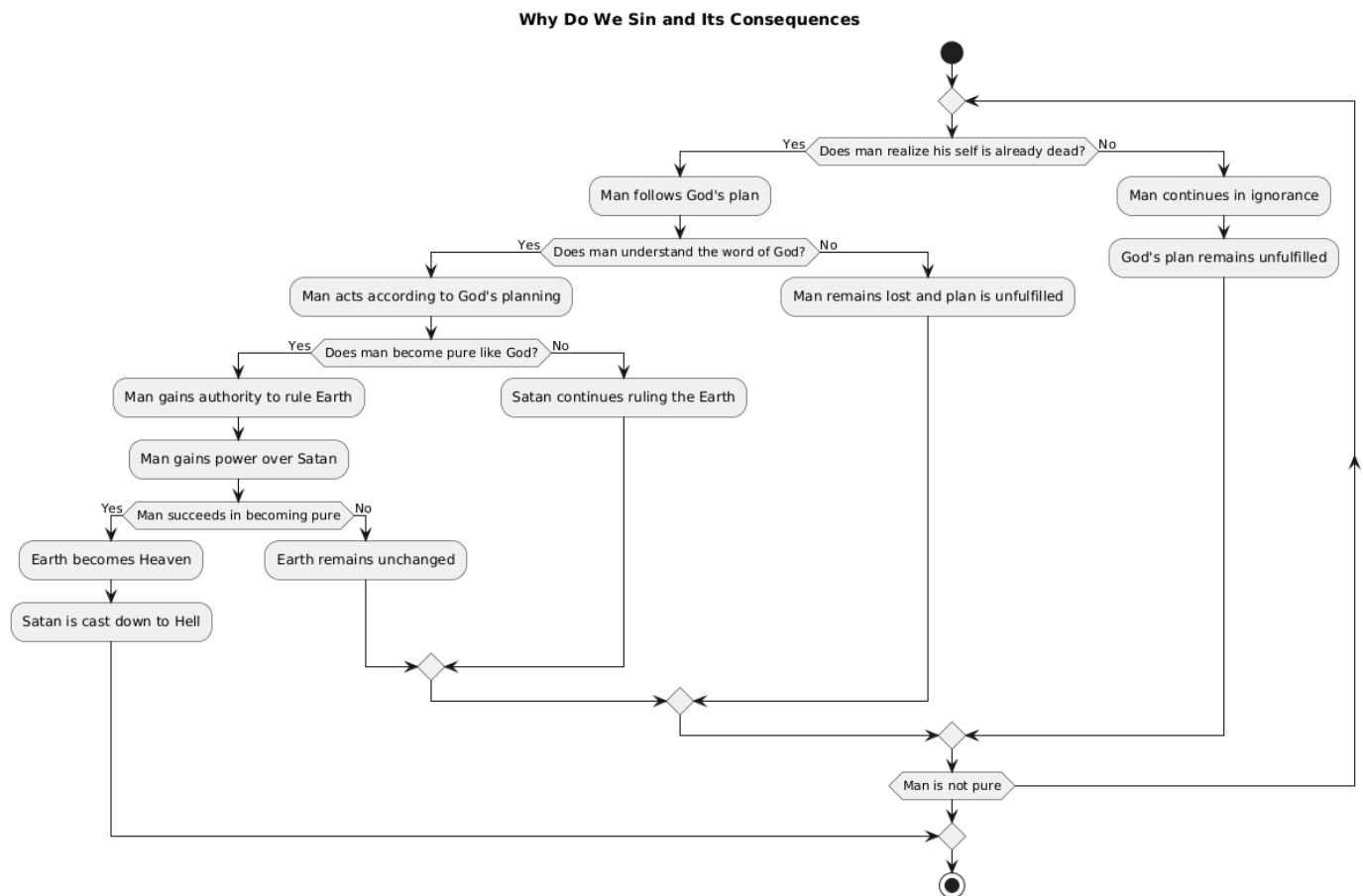


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We sin because we do not realize that our self is already dead.

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