

## DOES SIN MATTER?

Intro--Since Pragmatism is an American phil system and since I am, that I'd apply pragmatic tests to this question. Want you to look in 4 directions and see what sin does to these individuals and groups and that look will answer the question.

### I. Look at the whole world. *of men*

#### A. Sin brings corruption to whole world.

1. Affects character Rom 3:9-12. None righteous, no understanding, no seeking earnestly after God, deviation, becoming unprofitable, no doing utility.
2. Affects conduct, 3:12-18. In word, 13-14. Corrupting, deceifful, uncharitable, blasphemous. In deed, 15-18. Murderous, oppressive, quarrelsome, impious. Men are sinners and thus can only sin.

#### B. Sin brings condemnation.

Rom 1:18; Eph 2:3. Divine wrath revealed the complete rev awaits last day, 1 Thess 1:10; Rom 2:5. Limited by goodness, etc, 2:4. Jude 15. Rev 20:12.

#### C. Sin brings death.

1. Physical death, Rom 5:14. Proof is that it reigned from Adam to Moses, Gen 5. Direct result of being in Adam. One generation removed.
2. Spiritual. Rom 5:12a, Eph 2:1. Bec of what by nature, something implanted by birth. Further proof found in slavery to sin of men, Rom 6:16ff. Does sin matter?

### II. Look at the creation.

Rom 8:18-26. Bound bec after man fell God couldn't allow unfallen creation to rule him. See reversal in M, Isa 11, 35. Complete in eternity, Rev 21:3-4. Note Gen 3:17-19.

III. Look at the Christian.

Sin no less terrible in Xn. God hates it in any form. Psa 5:5; Jas 4:4; 1 Pet 1:15ff. Anything contrary to character of God.

Standard absolute and requirement is walking in light (not becoming light), 1 Jn 1. When don't then Xn loses fellowship. Means loss of blessing, guidance, praying, wisdom, fruit, growth.

Does sin matter?

Cure--confess and claim forgiveness.

IV. Look at Christ.

Why did He come?

Announced--Mt 1:21.

Past supper--Mt 26:28.

Zacharias prophesying--Lk 1:77

Jn 1:29

Early ch preached, Acts 5:31, 13:38.

Rom 5:12-21; 8:2-3

1 Cor 15:3

2 Cor 5:21

Gal 1:4

Eph 1:7; Col 1:14

Heb 1:3; 2:17; 9:26; 28;

1 Pet 2:24; 3:18

1 Jn 2:12

Rev 1:5

If sin doesn't matter then death of X for what purpose?