

The WHY of Sin (1 of 4)

A sin is an action contrary to God's law (1 John 3:4). At the root of all sin is the desire to do as we please (Jas 1:13-15). Unforgiven sin separates man from God (Rom 6:23). A sin can even be committed in good conscience (Acts 23:1). Let's consider the WHY of sin in our next four articles.

DECEPTION: When Eve sinned she said, "The serpent *deceived* me, and I ate" (Gen 3:13). The apostle Paul said, "The serpent *deceived* Eve by his craftiness" (2 Cor 11:3), and "Adam was not deceived, but the woman being *deceived*, fell into transgression" (1 Tim 2:14). So a person may be lured into sin by means of deception. Paul warned, "Evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, *deceiving* and being deceived" (2 Tim 3:13). We should greatly desire to study the word of God so as not to be deceived and led into sin.

IGNORANCE: Paul said, "I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it *ignorantly* in unbelief" (1 Tim 1:13). The Jews had "a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge", they were "*ignorant* of God's righteousness" (Rom 10:2-3). For centuries, the idol serving Greeks worshipped God "*ignorantly*" (Acts 17:23). Paul told them "these times of *ignorance* God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). Ignorance is a sad condition. What we don't know can hurt us. Ignorance will prevent us from knowing how to submit to God. Let's give ourselves to a diligent study of God's word, the Bible, "to discern both good and evil" (Heb 5:14).

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