



# The Examiners

...Examining the Scripture daily to see whether these things were so... Acts 17:11

## SIN UNTO DEATH

THE SIN FACE TO FACE WITH DEATH  
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There are eight categories of death in the Bible. The entire human race is under spiritual death. The penalty was imposed at the fall of man and is perpetuated in the human race through the imputation of Adam's original sin to the genetically-formed old sin nature after birth, simultaneously with the imputation of human life. We are born physically alive but spiritually dead and that is why we need to be born of the water of the Word and the Spirit of God.

(John 3:5 Eph. 2:1, Rom 5:12) "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world and death [spiritual death] through that sin, so [spiritual] death spread to all men because all sinned [when Adam sinned]." We are born physically alive and spiritually dead, so that if we die before reaching accountability, we automatically go to heaven.

Real spiritual death: This was the actual spiritual death of Adam, who made the decision for the entire human race.

Substitutionary spiritual death: This occurred on the cross, when our Lord bore our sins in His own body and they were judged. Our personal sins were never imputed to us for condemnation, but to Jesus Christ as our substitute, (1 Peter 2:24; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 Cor. 5:21, Rom 5:8).

- Spiritual death is the status of dichotomy. We have a soul and no human spirit.
- Total depravity means we are in either moral or immoral degeneracy in the status of sin.
- Faith plus anything else is salvation by works, which eliminates the work of the Holy Spirit in efficacious grace.

The Positional death of the Believer: While spiritual death occurs at physical birth, positional death occurs at the second birth, the new birth or regeneration.

- Positional death occurs through the baptism of the Holy Spirit at salvation. The believer is identified with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection, Romans 6:1-14.

- Positional death, also called retroactive positional truth, is the believer's identification with Christ in His death.

The Carnal death of the Believer: Cosmic death or Carnality. Dead - plural - nekron = deaths referring to the believer being carnal and out of fellowship for a period of time, or dead ones referring to the importance of separation.

1. Post-salvation sinning.
2. Post-salvation human good.
3. Post-salvation evil.

The temporal death of the believer: describes the believer out of fellowship with God, also known as the cosmic death of the believer.

The fragmented death of the believer: describes and defines the believer involved in either moral or immoral degeneracy. (1 Cor. 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual persons, but as to carnal persons, even as to babies in Christ).

The carnal, cosmic, or fragmented death refers to the function of the believer's volition in converting temptation from the sin nature into sinfulness. Living inside the cosmic system classifies that believer as living in temporal or cosmic death. (Jam. 1:15) Temptation is not a sin, the sin is the act of volition which follows.

The sin nature dwells in the cell structure of the body and the Holy Spirit indwells the body. Romans 8:6 "For the mindset of the flesh [old sin nature] is death [cosmic death], but the mindset of the Spirit is life and prosperity." Romans 8:13 "For if you are living according to the flesh [old sin nature], you must die [cosmic death], but if you through the Holy Spirit are putting to death the production of the flesh, you live.

The Production Morality of the Believer known as Dead Works:

The Sexual death: Sexual death in the male refers to inability to copulate and procreate. Sexual death in the female refers to inability to procreate. This category is only

used in relation to Abraham and Sarah, Romans 4:17-21, Hebrews 11:11-12.

The physical death of the Human Race is separation of the soul from the body so that the person no longer lives on planet earth. After death, the soul of the believer resides in an interim body until the Rapture, at which time it leaves the third heaven, goes to the second heaven and receives a resurrection body. The soul of the unbeliever leaves the body and goes to Hades. There it remains in torment until the end of time.

The Second death: separation from God of the unbelievers in the eternal Lake of Fire as result of rejecting the grace gift of salvation in Christ alone by grace alone through faith alone.

**The sin unto death:** (1 John 5:16). Basically there is no sin which causes natural death. This is a reference to sinning when you are in the valley of the shadow of death (Psalm 23: 4-5). While you are dying, you can still sin. It is the sins that intensify the suffering in dying. Everything comes from the righteousness of God to condemn their failure, to the justice of God who judged it, to the love of God who provided the solution by means of grace (1 John 5:14-17, 2 Timothy 4:6).

The sin unto death is not one particular sin but it is a reference to sinning when you are in the death-shadowed valley (Psalm 23:4). The sin face-to-face with death is you creating for yourself your very own dying misery in the death-shadowed valley God has provided for you. Deploy the personal sense of destiny on the defense line of the soul, so that you can travel through your own death-shadowed valley with the most fantastic blessings (Phil. 1:21).

Distinction between (1 John 5:16-17)

- A Sin Not Unto Death (hamartia me pros thanatos)
- A Sin Unto Death (hamartia pros thanatos 1 John 5:16b)

The context is a confident prayer ministry based upon our life in Christ (1st Jn. 5:13-15).

- Intercessory prayer is prescribed for brothers sinning non-leading-to-death sin.
- We should never request that any brother is subject to the Sin unto Death.

Sin unto death is maximum divine discipline in which case, the believer is put in a state of physical neutralization as a result of maximum spiritual failure. It is not any one

particular sin but a "last chain sinning" type of sin which initiates God's ultimate administration of discipline. When a person is under the sin unto death, they are under the Judgment of the Supreme Court of Heaven.

The believer is face to face with death. The sin terminating in death is the sin of not executing the spiritual life of the Church-age after years of warnings from the integrity and love of God. The sin face to face with death is maximum divine discipline from the integrity of God.

Two categories of sin unto death:

- A. Actual death: This is because in God's plan, there is no longer any use for the believer to remain on earth.
  - Annanias and Saphira Acts 5.1-11:
  - Saul and his sons: 1 Sam. 28.16-19; 1 Chron. 10.13-14
  - The Exodus generation: Numbers 14.20-33
  - Balaam: Numbers 31.1-8
  - Revelation 3.16
- B. Living death: Under a Divine indictment of death, and from the human perspective, in a sickness situation which is terminal (Recovery is possible through rebound)
  - 1 Cor. 5.1-5 (recovery 2 Cor. 2.5-11)
  - Numbers 12.9-15 - Miriam
  - Hezekiah: Is. 38.1-
  - Moses: Ex. 4.24-26
  - Sometimes a comatose situation may be the "living death" discipline.

But, as in the case of all discipline, if the fact is not made known to the believer, then the discipline has no meaning. This is only necessary when the administration of death is not immediate.

Under this "living death" discipline, the believer is totally separated from God's blessing and plan for him while on earth. There is no fulfillment of quality life via peace, joy and stability. Other believers are not even encouraged to pray for them (1 John 5.16). Sin unto death refers to believers whose termination is destruction.

The reversionistic believer being enemy of the cross is transfer to eternity through maximum divine discipline. The termination, (to telos) the end, the ultimate conclusion that which causes waste, or destruction (apoleia) refers to the sin unto death. The believer who dies the sin unto death misses the blessings of God for life, misses living in resurrection life in time, and the blessings beyond ultra-supergrace and then ultra-sanctification for eternity.

When a person is under the sin unto death, they are under the Judgment of the Supreme Court of Heaven and everything has been done from the righteousness of God to condemn their failure, to the justice of God who judged it, to the love of God who provided the solution as expressed in grace - but they have refused it. The sin terminating in death is the sin of not executing the spiritual life of the Church-age after years of warnings from the integrity and love of God.

God has never made a judgment of anyone that excludes the love of God. Sin unto death is the manifestation of God's grace to the believer who is facing "the sin face-to-face with death" (that is, maximum divine discipline from the integrity of God). The sin face-to-face with death does not come all at once, but in installment or fragment of pains. The person who is in the state of sin unto death is still sinning mentally. It is these mental attitudes sinning that intensify the suffering in dying.

The state of sin unto death is described as "the sin face to face with death" while the state of dying grace is described as "face to face with the Lord Jesus Christ". There is no particular sin that leads to sin unto death but it refers to chain sinning without adjusting to the justice of God by rebound. The believers in the state of sin unto death have:

- Rejected the grace provision for rebound
- Rejected to hear Bible doctrine
- Rejected Bible doctrine provision
- Rejected to metabolize Bible doctrine

The sin face-to-face with death is you creating for yourself your very own dying misery in the death-shadowed valley God has provided for you. The dying moment of the Church Age believer is designed by God to be the most fantastic and glorious moment on earth before transfer to heaven. The sin unto death will turn it into the most horrible and terrifying moment for the reversionistic believer who intentionally on purpose defy God.

The deployment of metabolized Bible doctrine in the soul will assure and guarantee that the believer will travel through the shadow of the valley of death with peace, serenity and total blessings. Dying grace is given to mature or advancing believers. It is the greatest blessing of life because it is directly related to and is only exceeded by rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ (Phil. 1:21). Dying grace means the believer have put his confidence on God to the maximum and will receive maximum blessings that surpass all the escrow blessing of time.

Let us take a little synopsis of Psalm 23 beginning with verse 4 (corrected translation) "In addition to this, when I

walk through a death-shadowed valley, I cannot fear evil [the manner of dying]; because You are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me." The rod refers to divine discipline; and the staff refers to divine deliverance. In the three first verses of Psalm 23, David had been talking about the Shepherd. Now he speaks directly to the Shepherd. He had been praising the Lord, and now He is praying to His Lord. It is so often in the valleys of our lives that we find the sweetest refreshment and fellowship alone with God. Shepherds would not take their flock where they had not already been themselves.

Dying grace is the "place" where the Lord Jesus Christ will take the mature or advancing believer for refreshment after a long intensified battle. Dying grace is moment designed by God for the mature or advancing to receive the most fabulous blessings in time before entering heaven. Dying grace is the bridge that gap between time and eternity where the winner believer has to walk in steady advance of a soul which knows its road, knows its destiny, resolves to follow the path, feels quite safe and secure, and is therefore perfectly happy, calm and serene. Dying grace is not an additional blessing for the winner believer but the greatest of all the blessings the believer can receive in time.

The dark side of the shadow is the experience of dying but dying can become the greatest of all the experience for the believer. The valley is the place of shelter, protection and bridge between the temporal and eternal. Death is merely a shadow because the Lord Jesus Christ has conquered death. Where there is a shadow, there must be light somewhere nearby. "Evil" refers to anything related to dying.

God picks the time, the manner, and the place of your dying, so you don't have to worry about it. Confidence in God creates courage in the face of evil. We can have no fear when going through our very own death-shadowed valley, because the Lord Jesus Christ goes with us. This is David applying dying grace, occupation with Christ, and a personal sense of destiny to the problem of death or disaster. Fear is an emotional sin, and is a sign that the believer has failed to use the problem-solving devices and spiritual skills. The fear principle points to the sin unto death. We must always keep in mind that when we take that journey through the death-shadowed valley, it is meant to be a victory lap since the Lord Jesus Christ will be with every believer.

Death has left its sting in the humanity of Christ, and has no more power to harm the members of the royal family

of God. Everything we have received from the justice of God is designed to contribute to the believer's growth and advance in the plan of God. He is leading every believer to their destiny of becoming a spiritually mature believer. He is leading you to enjoy a happy death. He is leading you to a great forever after. However, most believers will have the terrifying and horrible sin unto death experience.

The sin unto death is always associated with great failure in the spiritual life, suffering and pain, going through all of the eight stages of reversionism refusing rebound. Divine discipline is the sum total of punitive measures by which God judges, corrects, and teaches the believer in time. Divine discipline is confined to time (Rev. 21:4). Divine discipline results from the believer using his own volition to create his own failures (Psalm 7:14-16).

Certain sins are worse as far as divine discipline is concerned (Psalm 64:7-8) but nothing will result immediate sin unto death. In the case of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-7), sin unto death did not come without prior warning of intensive discipline for that would be violation of God's own process and stages of disciplining believers. The first stage of divine discipline is warning discipline (Rev. 3:20), when ignored after many warnings proceed to intensive divine discipline (Psalm 32:1-5, Psalm 118:17-18). When the believer continues to ignore a battery of intensive divine discipline, God execute the sin face to face with death discipline (Rev. 3:16).

Suffering for discipline is a teaching aid unless you ignore it. It is designed to awake the believer from spiritual slumber in operational death, fragmented death, or cosmic death. Deserved suffering or divine discipline is always unbearable, painful and heartbreaking. The pain of divine discipline is increased by rejection of Bible doctrine. Suffering for blessing is bearable and accelerates your spiritual growth by helping you to apply doctrine to the situation. For believers who live their lives in the pre-designed plan of God, there is nothing but blessing, spiritual growth both in time and eternity.

For the believer who lives in the cosmic system, there is self-induced misery from wrong decisions, followed by warning discipline, followed by the intensification of divine punishment, and eventuating under maximum divine punishment for the believer - the sin unto death. Lukewarm believers (chliaros – something hot but now cooled off – you keep being lukewarm -Rev. 3:16).

I will (mello) accurately means "I am about to do something," says the Lord. This is a customary present

tense which denotes what habitually occurs when believers persist in living in the cosmic system of Satan. All divine discipline is a gracious act on the part of God to try to teach us what we will not learn or refuse to learn the easy way. Futuristic present: denoting an event which has not yet occurred, namely the administration of the sin unto death, but is regarded as being presently certain.

The communication of Bible doctrine from the Pastor on the one hand; the administration of divine discipline from the Lord Jesus Christ on the other hand makes the balance for the believer to walk by means of the Spirit. The phrase "spew you" (se emesai) does not mean to spew, not to spit but this is used as thought paronomasia in the Greek as a play of words. In effect it is saying, "I have warned you through intensive discipline but you are not teachable". God always picks the things that will hurt you the most so that you will have motivation to repent.

Characteristics of sin unto death:

- Maximum insecurity, fear and anxiety
- Maximum self-righteous arrogance
- Maximum panic and confusion
- Maximum negative mental attitude
- End of opportunity and privilege to advance and growth in the plan of God
- Total loss of blessing in time and eternity
- Maximum pain and agony of the soul
- Maximum regret and remorse

Deception of sin unto death:

- Fake peaceful death – false serenity and peace
- Fake happy death – false happiness
- Fake satisfaction – false fulfilled life

Factors that leads to sin unto death:

- Rejection to receive daily doctrinal instruction
- Rejection to retain and metabolize Bible doctrine
- Rejection to apply Bible doctrine to life experience
- Refusal to pay respect and concentrate to the Word of God
- Resisting the conviction of the Holy Spirit to rebound and continue in the Bible doctrine.

Prescription to avoid sin unto death:

- Consistent filling of the Holy Spirit
- Consistent intake of Bible doctrine
- Concentration (recall and retention) of doctrine
- Consistent application of rebound and recovery
- Constantly yielding to the conviction of the Holy Spirit



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