

The Exceeding Sinfulness of Sin

Text: Romans 7:13

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A. God's Law and Its Relationship to sin

1. God's law defines sin – Rom 7:7
2. God's law aroused sin in the fallen flesh – Rom. 7:8
3. God's law condemns the sinner – Rom. 7:9-11
4. God's law is holy, righteous, and good – Rom. 7:12

B. The Exceeding Sinfulness of Sin

1. Defining Sin: The total depravity of humanity

Ps. 51:1-2, Psalm 32:1-2

- a. Transgressions - Eph. 2:1-2
- b. Iniquity - Psalm 51:5
- c. Sin - Rom. 3:23, 2 Cor. 3:18

2. What sin does: Its catastrophic consequences

a. Vertically: to God

- Offends His Nature and Person: Rev. 4:8, Habakkuk 1:13
- Refuses his truth and authority: Rom. 1:18
- Desecrates His worship: Matt. 15:8-9

b. Horizontally: to humanity

- Severs man's most important relationship: Eph. 2:11-12
- Removes man's means of happiness, contentment, purpose. Eccl. 2:19-

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- Enslaves man to the bondage of self-love: Gen. 3:1-6, 2 Tim. 3:1-5, 1 John 2:15-17