

# What is the Result of Sin?

Frequently Asked Question 5

Sin has resulted in a problem that everyone has and a penalty that everyone deserves:

## 1. The Problem of Sin

**But your iniquities have separated you from your God;”  
(Isaiah 59:2a)**

God created us to have a personal relationship with Him. However, sin has separated us from God and prevents us from having a relationship with Him. We are all sinners (Romans 3:10,23; Ecclesiastes 7:20) and have been sinners since birth (Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:12). We were born physically alive with a living body, but spiritually dead with a completely corrupt and sinful nature, without God in our hearts (Romans 3:10-18; Ephesians 2:1-3).

Our external physical circumstances (e.g. being born into a Christian family, growing up in a Christian environment, going to Bible school, etc.) do NOT change our internal spiritual condition (we remain spiritually dead with a completely corrupt and sinful nature, without God in our hearts); and what we do on the outside (e.g. going to church, good works, religious activities, etc.) CANNOT bring spiritual life to the inside (John 3:3,5,7).

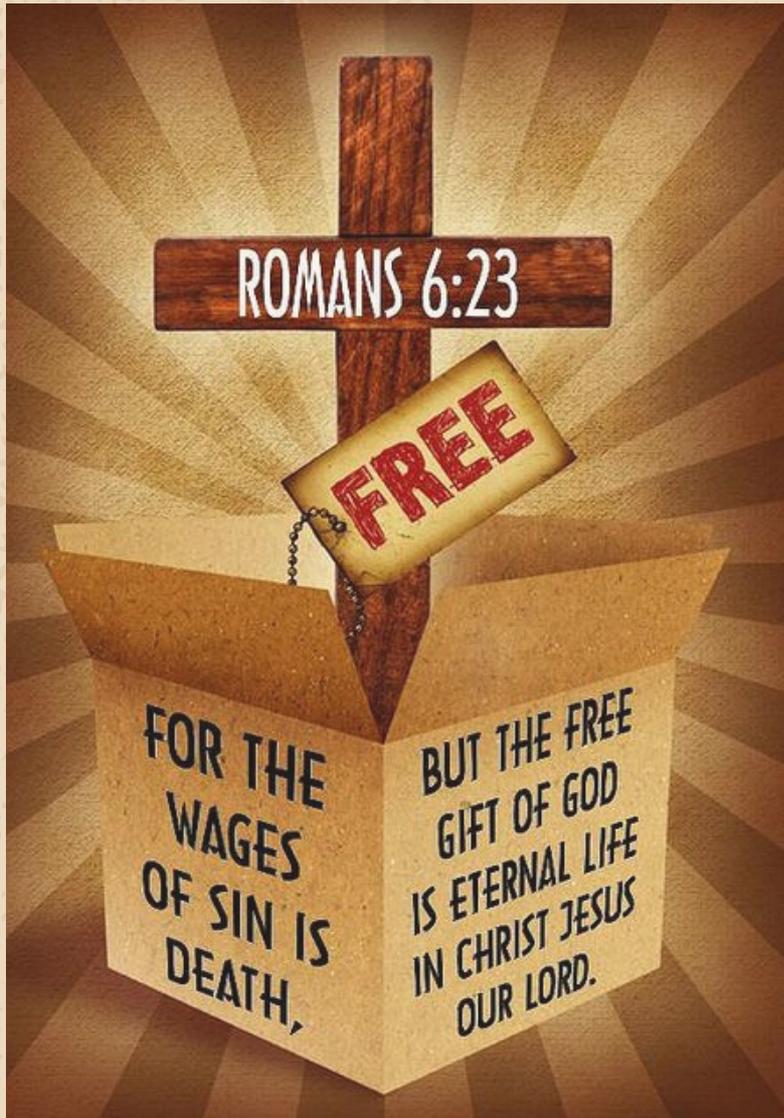


Due to the problem of sin, we are unable to enter into a relationship with God and are disqualified from entering Heaven. There is nothing we can do on our own to bring us into a relationship with God and make us good enough to enter Heaven.

## 2. The Penalty of Sin

**For the wages of sin is death,” (Romans 6:23a)**

One day, we will all have to stand before God and He will judge us individually (Hebrews 9:27). The penalty of sin is death – not just physical death, but spiritual death, i.e. eternal punishment in Hell (Revelation 20:14,15; 21:8). All of us deserve to be punished in Hell because all of us are sinners who have fallen short of God’s standard of perfection. Just 1 sin would be enough to condemn us to Hell (Galatians 3:10; James 2:10), and there is no way we can save ourselves from sin, death and Hell.



Regardless of how righteous a person may be in man's eyes, regardless of who he is and how much good he has done in his life, regardless of his authority, acts and achievements, he is still a sinner, and this is the penalty of sin, "The soul who sins shall die." (Ezekiel 18:4,20) The only cure for the "disease" of sin is Jesus Christ Himself. He alone is the complete and eternal solution to the problem of sin and the penalty of sin (Romans 6:23b; John 14:6; Acts 4:12). Although we deserve to receive the judgment of a just and holy God, God is love and He has made a way for us to be saved from our sins. Sin has separated us from God, but we are reconciled to God by the death of His Son, Jesus Christ (Romans 5:8,10), and "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13)

