

SIN IS THE OPPOSITE OF LIFE

Sin is the enemy of humans. Sin pains, separates, destroys, and produces death. Sin is the act of trying to exist from your own resources, strength, and understanding. God designed human life to be lived in God's resources, strength, and wisdom. Rescue from sin is found by the person who runs to God in dependence on Him through Jesus Christ. The sinless death of Jesus defeated sin and condemned sin to ultimate extermination from all creation. Jesus rescues the believer in Him by His indwelling presence and new life given to the believer through faith. The believer has faith that Jesus is willing and able to rescue him from sin. Proverbs 3:5 Romans 6:23; 8:3,9-11

Sin is the enemy. God sent Jesus to rescue believers from sin. A person who runs from God and hides from God is in the depths of sin. God is good. God does not condemn. Sin condemns. God does not punish unbelievers. Sin destroys unbelievers. God's wrath is seen by His turning unbelievers over to their persistence in sin. God's common grace of protection is in every person. When God turns a persistent sinner over to sin's consequences, all His protection through common grace expires. The natural world caves in upon those who God turns over. Sin destroys. God just lets unbelievers have their way. Without God there is no life. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. No one has life except through Jesus. Romans 1:18-24, 25-26, 28-32 John 3:3; 14:6

God is love. God actively promotes restoration. God has no need to punish. The natural consequence of sin is death. God did not tell Adam that He would punish him with death if he sinned. God told Adam that the consequences of sin is death. God has no need to ever punish anyone. God has no needs. God never changes. Jesus saves believers from sin. Jesus should never be thought of as saving people from God's anger and God's wrath. Sin is the enemy we need to be saved from. Jesus is not saving us from God. The sinless death of Jesus gives Him authority to rescue believers and give them new life in Him. This new life in Christ moves the believer out from under the wrath of God. New life in Christ ultimately makes the believer totally sinless and blameless in God's sight. There is no condemnation for being sinless. Therefore, there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. God sees from His "eternal now" and sees the believer complete in Christ.

Romans 8:1,2 Ephesians 1:4 Colossians 2:10 John 1:29; 3:16-18

The wrath of God is being under the condemnation of sin and remaining in that state. Sin condemns. Sin is the condemning force. God is the source of rescue, grace, mercy, and love. John 3:36