

# ***Healing the Broken***

## Truth and Error Regarding the Sin and Obedience

### Introduction

#### **A. Christianity is not only historical and doctrinal -- it is experiential.**

1. As historical, it means the events really happened in history.
2. As doctrinal, it means the events form a basis for truth/beliefs.
3. As experiential, it means the truths of Christianity must be practiced.

#### **B. It is in the daily practice of truth that we find our greatest struggle.**

#### **C. Points to ponder regarding sin and obedience.**

1. We do not and cannot earn the grace of God by how we live (Ephesians 1:3).
2. We forfeit God's blessing by disobedience (Galatians 6:7,8)
3. When I John 1:9 does not work, we are not confessing the root of our sin.

### **I. The Nature and Seriousness of Sin.**

#### **A. Sin is a transgression against God -- His Word -- His Will -- His grace.**

#### **B. Sin is related to belief -- choices -- and human responsibility.**

#### **C. Sin is a practice of error.**

1. It is quite rare for a Christian to deliberately choose to sin.
2. We are led into sin by our acceptance of some error.
3. The act of disobedience is usually a symptom of the true nature.
4. The true cause is usually the acceptance of some error.

#### **D. Sin is usually produced -- motivated -- by our self-centeredness.**

#### **E. Sin and error always opens the door for demonic involvement. (Eph. 4:27)**

#### **F. Sin and error always produces many forms of bondage/slavery. (John 8:34)**

#### **G. Sin -- with its causes and effects -- can only be dealt with by God**

## II. The Biblical Pattern Regarding Sin. James 1:14-16

<---LUST---> DRAWN AWAY ---> ENTICEMENT -----> SIN ----->DEATH

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| The<br>Past<br>and---><br>its<br>power. | Needs &<br>desires<br>based---><br>on<br>error, | Believing &<br>practicing<br>the error.----> | Temptation<br>rejected via<br>truth or----><br>accepting via<br>error. | The act<br>based on<br>believing--> | Spiritual<br>loss &<br>finally<br>death |
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Conclusion: "Do not err, my beloved brethren." V16

## III. Biblical Illustrations Regarding Sin.

### A. Ananias and Sapphira -- Acts 5:1-11.

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| Error re.----><br>pride/greed<br>accepted | Options for<br>satisfaction<br>considered | Plans made to<br>practice error<br>and meet needs | Public Actions<br>initiated in the<br>practice of error | Death |
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### B. Peter -- Galatians 2:11-14.

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| Error re.----><br>Jew/Gentile<br>food and<br>the Gospel | Freedom to----><br>eat with<br>Gentiles | Coming of<br>strict<br>Jewish<br>believers | Fear of ----><br>criticism<br>of having<br>made mistake | Sin of separating<br>from Gentiles and<br>teaching error by<br>his example |
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## IV. The Biblical Response Regarding Sin.

### A. Find the root of the problem with the sin.

1. The sin may be a symptom and not the cause.
2. Put the blame where it belongs and forgive.

### B. Identify the error -- then and now.

1. Understand how serious it is.
2. Understand how the error is related to sin.

### C. Break the power and patter of error/sin by repentance/confession.

D. Internalize the principle of identification re. the Crucifixion, Rom. 6:6.

E. Internalize the principle of identification re. the Resurrection, Rom. 6:4.

F. Internalize the principle of cooperation re. The Holy Spirit, Rom. 8:13.

G. Internalize the principle of victory over Satan, Ephesians 6:10-18.

Conclusion: God has called us to life in freedom -- we must learn to do so.

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