

## **Freedom from the Penalty of Sin**

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### Introduction

"Man centered" message has produced "fantasy Christians"

Two problems:

1. Those who have made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ have little zeal in their daily lives. **Titus 2:14** Most (80%) can be characterized as "lukewarm". **Revelation 3:15-16**
2. Those who have not made profession of faith in Jesus Christ see no reason to do so. **1Corinthians 1:18**

### Solution

Understanding the Penalty of Sin – a "wrath-fleeing" message.

Illustration - Two men in an airplane wearing parachutes (1)

What is sin?

Sin is any thought, word, or deed that falls short of God's standard of holiness and perfection. (2)

**Romans 3:23** All fall short of God's Glory  
**1 John 3:4** Sin is lawlessness  
**James 4:17** Sins of omission  
**Romans 14:23** Whatever is not from faith is sin.

### Horizontal vs Vertical Sin

David – I have sinned against the Lord - **2 Samuel 12:13**  
Joseph – How could I ...sin against God – **Genesis 39: 9**  
Prodigal Son – I have sinned against heaven – **Luke 15:21**

Illustration – Sheep on a hillside

What is the penalty of sin?

<b>Ezekiel 18:4</b>	the soul that sins shall die
<b>Romans 1:18</b>	God's wrath revealed
<b>I Corinthians 15:56</b>	sting of death is sin
<b>Revelation 20:15</b>	lake of fire
<b>Matthew 22:13</b>	outer darkness

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*Examples of using the penalty of sin (WWJD vs WDJD)*

**Luke 18:18** - Parable of the rich young ruler

**Romans 2:14-15** - Everyone has a moral conscience

**Romans 3:19-20** - every mouth may be closed

*Illustration – Dust on the table*

**John 3:18** - he who does not believe has been judged already

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**Galatians 3:24-25** - a tutor to lead us to Christ....no longer under a tutor

**Galatians 5:1** - Christ has set us free

**John 5:24** - free from the judgment

*Conclusion*

*Illustration – Spilling Hot Coffee*

*Illustration – The Law is a Mirror*

**Acts 13:38-39** freed from all things

**Galatians 2:16** not justified by the works of the Law

Resources and References

1. To hear "Hell's Best Kept Secret" go to [www.raycomfort.com/hbks/index.shtml](http://www.raycomfort.com/hbks/index.shtml)
2. Believer's Bible Commentary by William MacDonald