

The Sin Unto Death

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1. **1JO 5:13** I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that **you have eternal life (2222 zoe)**. 14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. 16 **If anyone sees his BROTHER (80 adelphos) commit a sin that does not lead to death (2348 thanatos), he should pray and God will give him life (2222 zoe)**. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. **There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that.** 17 All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death. 18 We know that **anyone born of God does not continue to sin**; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.

2222 zoe = eternal life, as God has it

979 bios = biologic life, animal life

2348 thanatos = death of the body; to die, to be dead; to be spiritually dead with the implied idea of future misery in hell

80 adelphos = a brother, whether born of the same two parents or only of the same father or mother; brethren in Christ

2. **1JO 2:19** **They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us.** For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but **their going showed that none of them belonged to us.**
3. **EXO 32:32** But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.” 33 The LORD replied to Moses, **“Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book.** 34 Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin.”
4. **EZE 18:4** For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son—both alike belong to me. **The soul who sins is the one who will die.**

5. **HEB 6:1** Therefore **let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity,** not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, 2 instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And God permitting, we will do so. 4 **It is IMPOSSIBLE for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, 6 if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance,** because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace. 7 Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. 8 But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned. 9 **Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case—**things that accompany salvation. 10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. 11 **We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure.** 12 We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.
6. **HEB 10:26** **If we DELIBERATELY keep on sinning AFTER we have received the knowledge of the truth,** no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. 28 Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 **How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant THAT SANCTIFIED HIM, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?** 30 For we know him who said, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” and again, **“The Lord will judge HIS PEOPLE.”** 31 It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. 32 **But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.**

7. **NUM 15:22** **‘If you sin unintentionally,** and do not observe all these commandments which the Lord has spoken to Moses— 23 ‘all that the Lord has commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day the Lord gave commandment and onward throughout your generations—24 ‘then it will be, if it is unintentionally committed, without the knowledge of the congregation, that the whole congregation shall offer one young bull as a burnt offering, as a sweet aroma to the Lord, with its grain offering and its drink offering, according to the ordinance,

and one kid of the goats as a sin offering. 25 ‘So the priest shall make atonement for the whole congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them, for it was unintentional; they shall bring their offering, an offering made by fire to the Lord, and their sin offering before the Lord, for their unintended sin. 26 ‘It shall be forgiven the whole congregation of the children of Israel and the stranger who dwells among them, because all the people did it unintentionally. 27 ‘And **if a person sins unintentionally**, then he shall bring a female goat in its first year as a sin offering. 28 ‘So the priest shall make atonement for the person who sins unintentionally, when he sins unintentionally before the Lord, to make atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him. 29 ‘You shall have one law for him who sins unintentionally, for him who is native-born among the children of Israel and for the stranger who dwells among them. 30 ‘**But the person who does anything presumptuously (sins defiantly kjv, deliberately)**, whether he is native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the Lord, and he shall be cut off from among his people. 31 ‘Because he has despised the word of the Lord, and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt shall be upon him.’ ”

8. **EZE 33:11** Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, **I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live.** Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?’ 12 “Therefore, son of man, say to your countrymen, ‘The righteousness of the righteous man will not save him when he disobeys, and the wickedness of the wicked man will not cause him to fall when he turns from it. The righteous man, if he sins, will not be allowed to live because of his former righteousness.’ 13 **If I tell the righteous man that he will surely live, but then he trusts in his righteousness and does evil, none of the righteous things he has done will be remembered; he will die for the evil he has done.** 14 And if I say to the wicked man, ‘You will surely die,’ but he then turns away from his sin and does what is just and right— 15 if he gives back what he took in pledge for a loan, returns what he has stolen, follows the decrees that give life, and does no evil, he will surely live; he will not die. 16 None of the sins he has committed will be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he will surely live. 20 Yet, O house of Israel, you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ But **I will judge each of you according to his own ways.**”
9. **MAT 10:32** “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. 33 But **whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.**
10. **MAR 3:28** I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. 29 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin.” 30 He said this because they were saying, “He has an evil spirit.”

Blasphemy, Gk *βλασφημία*, either from *βλαπτειν ταιν πηαμαν*, to hurt or blast the reputation, or from *βαλλειν ταισ πηαμαισ*, to smite **with words**, or reports, when applied to men denotes injurious speaking, or calumny, and when used in reference to God signifies speaking impiously of his nature, attributes, and works. **but the blasphemy.** What the Holy Spirit did to prove the divinity of Christ’s person and mission, the Pharisees turned into an argument to show that Christ was an impostor, and actuated by Satanic agency. Thus their sin consisted in the unreasonable and absurd rejection of the Son of God as the Savior of men, in opposition to the plain and unanswerable testimony of the Holy Spirit. This sin against the Holy Spirit is a rejection of the truth as it is revealed in the Divine Word, especially of that truth as it respects Christ and His salvation—this in disregard of many favorable opportunities to know the truth as it is in Christ and His Word—with severe and bitter feelings of aversion and hatred, peculiarly provoked by any distinct reference to the Holy Spirit and His work in either the inspired Word, or the Divine Savior whom it His office to honor (James Morgan, *The Scripture Testimony to the Holy Spirit*, pp. 144, 147).

11. **JOH 8:31** To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “**IF you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.** 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
12. **ROM 6:23** For **the wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
13. **ROM 11:20** Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. 21 For **if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.** 22 **Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you CONTINUE in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be CUT OFF.** 23 And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. 24 After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

14. **1CO 10:12** So, **if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!** 13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And **God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.** But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.
15. **1CO 15:1** Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel **you are saved, IF you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. OTHERWISE, YOU HAVE BELIEVED IN VAIN.**
16. **2CO 11:2** I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. 3 But **I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.**
17. **GAL 6:7** Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 **The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction;** the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.
18. **COL 1:21** Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— 23 **IF you continue in your faith,** established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.
19. **1TI 4:1** The Spirit clearly says that **in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.** 2 Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.
20. **2TI 2:12** if we endure, we will also reign with him. **If we disown him, he will also disown us;** 13 if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.
21. **HEB 2:1** **We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.** 2 For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, 3 **how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?** This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.
22. **HEB 3:5** Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. 6 But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And **we are his house, IF we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.**
23. **HEB 3:12** **See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.** 13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, **so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.** 14 **We have come to share in Christ IF we hold firmly till the end** the confidence we had at first. 15 As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, **do not harden your hearts** as you did in the rebellion." 16 Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? 17 And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? 18 And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? 19 So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.
24. **HEB 4:1** Therefore, **since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it.** 2 For **we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did;** but **the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.** 3 Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, "They shall never enter my rest."" And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world. 4 For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: "And on the seventh day God rested from all his work." 5 And again in the passage above he says, "They shall never enter my rest." 6 It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience. 7 Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. 9 There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; 10 for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. 11 **Let US, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.**
25. **IPE 1:5** who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 9 for **you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.** 13 **Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.**

26. **1PE 4:17** For **it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God**; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And, **“If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”**
27. **2PE 1:5** For this very reason, **make every effort to add to your faith goodness**; and to goodness, **knowledge**; 6 and to knowledge, **self-control**; and to self-control, **perseverance**; and to perseverance, **godliness**; 7 and to godliness, **brotherly kindness**; and to brotherly kindness, **love**. 8 For **if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**. 9 But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins. 10 Therefore, my **brothers**, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For **IF you do these things, you will never fall**.
28. **2PE 2:1** But there were also **false prophets** among the people, just as there will be **false teachers** among you. They will secretly **introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them**—bringing swift destruction on themselves. 2 Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. 14 With eyes full of adultery, **they never stop sinning**; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed—an accursed brood! 15 **THEY HAVE LEFT THE STRAIGHT WAY and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Beor**, who loved the wages of wickedness. 16 But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey—a beast without speech—who spoke with a man’s voice and restrained the prophet’s madness. 17 These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. **Blackest darkness is reserved for them**. 18 For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. 19 They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him. 20 **If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning**. 21 **It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them**.
29. **2PE 3:17** Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, **be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and FALL from your SECURE position**.
30. **JAM 1:25** But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, **and continues to do this**, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.
31. **JAM 5:19** My **BROTHERS**, **if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back**, 20 remember this: **Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death** and cover over a multitude of sins.
32. **1JO 2:24** **See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. IF it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father**. 25 And this is what he promised us—even eternal life.
33. **JUD 3** Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to **contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints**. 4 For **certain men** whose condemnation was written about long ago **have secretly slipped in among you**. **They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord**. 5 Though you already know all this, **I want to remind you that the Lord delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe**. 6 And the **angels who did not keep their positions of authority** but abandoned their own home—these **he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day**. 7 In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. **They serve as an example** of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire. 11 Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; **they have rushed for profit into Balaam’s error**; they have been **destroyed in Korah’s rebellion**. 12 These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm—shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—**TWICE DEAD**. 13 They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, **for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever**.

In my opinion, a “sin unto death”, that is, unto spiritual death, can be committed by a Christian who through deception in sin, then deliberately, willfully, and decisively rejects the Lordship of Christ by SPEAKING, saying something like “I don’t want Jesus anymore.” We enter the Kingdom of God through confessing His Lordship (Romans 10:9-10), and we can exit the Kingdom the same way. God does not take away the will of a human being. *Proverbs 18:21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*