

THE EXPENSE OF SIN

Have you ever thought about the cost of sin? I hear all the time that sin is not a big deal, or that we can do whatever we like as long as we do not hurt other people. Is that true?

It has been suggested that Christians are a group who try to impose some set of arbitrary rules on everybody else, and that we want to stop people having fun. Is that true?

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Let me state, right away, that sin is expensive; incredibly expensive. However, the price is not paid in cash; it is paid in mental, emotional, and spiritual pain.

God did not create an arbitrary list of difficult (or, impossible) “DOs” and “DON”Ts” to see if we will follow them — waiting for us to fail, so that He can punish us for our failure.

God set out a set of essential guidelines for living. His anger towards lying, stealing, cheating, coveting, murder, jealousy, and pride is because all of these behaviours destroy relationships. Everything that the Bible labels as sin is something that God wants us to avoid, so that we can live a better life.

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Sin is our defiant rejection of those things that God has shown us to be good — all in an effort to satisfy our own selfish desires.

God’s desire for us is love, peace, grace, and harmony with Him and with all His creation. He does not want us in conflict with others, neither does he want us in conflict with ourselves.

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Echoes International Mission Day is on Saturday November 17th. The title is "Reaching People, Changing Lives". The sessions are 11-1 and 2.30-4.30. There is an optional lunch for £10 which requires booking by Friday 9th at 03300 563334. The venue is Bethany City Church, Bede Tower, Burdon Road, Sunderland SR2 7EA. Further details of speakers etc are on the Notice Board.

REACHING PEOPLE,
CHANGING LIVES



TEESSIDE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Nov 25 — no 6.30 pm meeting at Hebron. Instead there is a joint churches gathering at Tees Valley Community Church (Oakwood) at 6.00 pm. Please support this if you are able. 58 churches

and Christian organisations have already expressed their intention of being there!

TESCO COLLECTION

Volunteers are required for the next Tesco collection for the Foodbank on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th November, and on Saturday 1st December. If you could give a couple of hours on one of those days, that would be most helpful and appreciated. See Andrea for further details.



Please bring your filled Shoe Boxes to our Family Service on 4 November. Thank you. We appreciate your kind generosity.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

10.00 am — Breaking of Bread
11.15 am — Good News Service
6.30 pm — Evening Service

Monday

2.30 pm — Ladies Meeting
8.00 pm — Bible Study

Tuesday

10.00 am — Carpet Bowls
6.00 pm — Carpet Bowls

Wednesday

10.00 am — Food Bank

Thursday

10.00 am — Coffee and Chat
(First Thursday of the month only)
6.00 pm — Pathfinders
7.30 pm — Midweek Meeting

Friday

10.00 am — Food Bank
6.00 pm — Pathos

First Saturday of the month only

8.30 am — Prayer Meeting

Speakers

Good News Service Sunday Morning — 11.15 am

4 November — Family Service
11 November — Barry Laidler
18 November — Ian Jacobs
25 November — Graham Edwards
2 December — Family Service

Ladies Meeting Monday — 2.30 pm

5 November — Jim Clementson
12 November — Claudine Uwizeye
19 November — Denis Taylor
26 November — Carol Service
3 December — Christmas party

Evening Service Sunday — 6.30 pm

4 November — Colin Vine
11 November — Eric Young
18 November — Matt Oliver
25 November — No meeting (see front page)
2 December — Andy Gibson

Coffee & Chat Thursday — 10.00 am 1 November — Dave Allport Glass Making

Just for Fun

(Answers, if you need them, next month)

1. Who wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and honey?
2. Who climbed into a sycamore tree to wait to see Jesus?
3. On which day of creation did God make the birds?

Answers from September:

1. Jesus fed the five thousand with 5 loaves and 2 fishes (Mark 6:38)
2. Jonah tried to flee to Tarshish (Jonah 1:3, cf 1 Kings 10:22)
3. Well done, if you got this — Joel and Abijah were the sons of Samuel (1 Samuel 8:2)

