



Personal from...

What Is the Worst Sin?

What is the greatest possible sin anyone could commit? Certainly a lack of gratitude is one of the most prevalent of sins.

Few have learned to really appreciate what they have.

But what is the *worst* of all sins? The most awful sin that can be committed is, perhaps, one of the very *last* that most people would name.

Think! Every good thing comes from GOD! He is Creator, Sustainer, Ruler. His Glory is beyond human imagination. His is the perfect holy and righteous character. He *is*, and is the very source of, love, wisdom, goodness, might and power.

And yet, he, so great, so mighty, so glorious, is extremely mindful of each one of us! He loves us so very much he *gave* his only begotten Son to pay the penalty in our stead of our folly—our sins. He raised his begotten Son Jesus Christ from the dead, *born* very GOD by his resurrection, and gave to him all the **POWER** and the **GLORY** of the entire universe, making him, the risen ever-living **CHRIST**, the Administrator and Chief Executive over the supreme government of the limitless **UNIVERSE!**

More than that, through Jesus Christ, God has made it possible for us to receive the very Spirit—the **LIFE**—the divine **NATURE** of **GOD!** Thus we become coheirs *with* Christ, that we, too, may be **BORN** by a resurrection as very **SONS** of **GOD**. Jesus Christ was made the firstborn of many brethren! He, Christ, already has *inherited*—and we through him may become joint *heirs* to later inherit all that is God's—the **UNIVERSE ENTIRELY!**

Can your mind grasp it? *All that is God's, we may share!*

A portion of this we may imbibe, drink in, be filled with and enjoy *here and now*, even in this temporary life! Every good thing *comes from GOD!*

Now consider what this contact with the living God means.

Even now, in this frail human life, we may

receive from him guidance and wisdom, protection from physical harm, healing when ill, peace of mind, deliverance from trouble and all the attributes of his character—his divine love, faith, patience, assurance, goodness, power to overcome.

From him and from him alone, we may drink in real happiness and joy! From him we may receive the knowledge of the **TRUE VALUES**—we may know the **PURPOSE** of life—the **WAY** to every good thing. We may receive every good and perfect gift that comes down from above!

Now what would be the worst, the most terrible sin one could possibly commit? It is self evident. It is to have another god before the true living **GOD!**

Whatever occupies your interest more than God and his Word is the idol you are putting before him. None can be truly converted—actually *begotten* of God—until whatever is his **IDOL** has been smashed, and torn root and branch from his affection and mind and heart.

What is it that *you just can't give up?* You'll *have* to give it up, you know—or *you are committing the most awful sin it is possible to commit!* It is the sin that shuts you off from that personal *contact* with **GOD!**

God tells us that his ear is not deaf that he cannot hear our petitions. His arm is not short that it cannot respond—but **OUR SINS** have separated between him and us, that he *will not* hear!

The greatest possible sin is that which shuts you out from the greatest possible acquirement!

The most terrible possible **PUNISHMENT** that could be sentenced and carried out on any human would be to permanently and irrevocably cut one off from all possible access to **GOD!**

This world *is* cut off from God—it has cut itself off! Yet, *not* irrevocably. **YOU** may have *free access* to the Great God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! The **WAY** is unconditional surrender of your rebellious will to **HIS**—to **HIS WAY**—his right and perfect laws. The **WAY**, then, is by faith in Jesus Christ as personal Savior. □