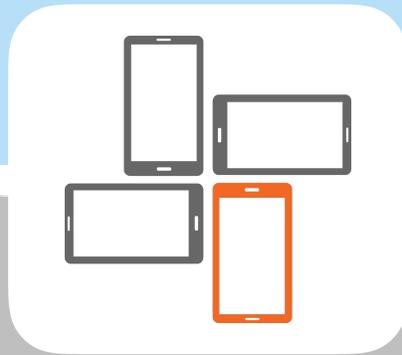


The Greatest Danger (sin)



The Greatest Danger: Sin



Q. When did you learn how to cross the road?

What is the greatest danger we face? When did you learn it was the greatest danger?

Sin is the greatest danger we face because it leads to death.

- **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **Hebrews 9:27** And just as it is appointed for man **to die once**, and after that comes judgment,
- **Revelation 20:11-15** Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is **the second death**, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

► Sin causes us to experience physical death and eternal torment, the second death.

Sin is the greatest danger we face because it leads to physical, emotional and relational breakdown.

- **Galatians 5:19-21** Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- **Ephesians 4:31** Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

- **James 4:1-2** What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel...

► Physical, emotional and relational breakdown is caused by sin.

The Word is our protection from sin's danger.

- **Matthew 1:21** She will bear a son, and you shall call his name **Jesus**, for he **will save his people from their sins**.
 - Jesus, the Word (John 1:1, 14) saves us from the penalty (Romans 5:1), power (Romans 6:6-7) and presence (2 Corinthians 5:8) of sin.
- We receive His protection by repenting of our sin and believing the gospel. (Mark 1:15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 10:9; Ephesians 1:13-14, 19-20; 3:20)
- We protect ourselves from sin by living by faith in Jesus.
 - **Galatians 2:20** I have been **crucified with Christ**. It is no longer I who live, but **Christ who lives in me**. And the life **I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God**, who **loved me and gave himself for me**. (How to live by faith in Jesus: We attempt to obey the written word expecting Jesus to fulfill our attempt with His power.)
- Jesus gave us the written word and proved it was true. (2 Timothy 3:16; John 2:18-22)
- The written word directs us how to live without being destroyed by sin. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Romans 12:2)
- Sin poisons our life. God's Word is the antidote for sin.
- The antidote is most effective when administered 24/7. (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3)
- The antidote is most effective when administered from birth by the family and by the local church. (Proverbs 6:20; Ephesians 6:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:10-15)
- The antidote is most effective when taken at the best time of a person's day (not mixed with other activities) and meditated on throughout the day and night. (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3)
- The antidote is most effective when hidden in the heart. (Psalm 119:11)

What we are to do with what we have heard from Scripture:

- Recognize sin is our greatest danger, repent of our sin and believe the gospel.

- Make sure we know the danger of sin and how to protect ourselves.
- Daily spend our best time in the word and prayer, learning the Word of God formally and systematically.
- At every opportunity use the word of God to reprove, rebuke and encourage with great patience and instruction.
- Screen yourself to see if you realize sin is your greatest danger: Do you have a desire to learn and live God's word? If not, then you don't see sin as your greatest danger. Are you protecting your family and those around you by helping them know Jesus, know His Word, the Bible, and helping them obey His Word by faith in Him? If not, you don't acknowledge sin is your greatest danger.