

Dying in Sin

John 8:21-24

We invite you to our upcoming

Gospel meeting

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Context– John 8:21-24

- Jesus declares He is the light of the world (8:12). Typically, the Pharisees rejected His message.

This leads to our text where Jesus declares He is going away, but they would not follow Him.

In fact, He noted that they would die in their sins.

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- In this lesson, let us focus on the expression, “You will die in your sins.” Found 3 times in 2 verses. Consider this was said to Jewish leaders who: 1) Believed in God; 2) Knew what His law taught (though they often corrupted His teachings). They were believers, yet Jesus declared that they would die in their sins.

Context– John 8:21-24

- The Pharisees were not the only ones who would die in their sins.
Every day, countless souls die, in their sins, unprepared to meet God.
- Let us notice some reasons why people die in their sins

Dying in Sin – John 8:21-24

- Because of unbelief
- **John 8:24** – the cause in our context. They did not believe in Jesus. It was NOT because Jesus was unknowable, but they CHOSE to not believe in Him.

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- Because of unbelief
- Unbelief can come in many ways:
 - Rejecting that God and Jesus exist
 - Rejecting the Bible as His word
 - Rejecting certain principles
 - By simply refusing to obey because one does not believe God's punishment is coming.

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- Because of unbelief
- Many today will die in their sins because of unbelief.

Mark 16:16

John 3:16, 18, 36

Hebrews 3:12 – note: This can even apply to brethren

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- Because of worldliness
- **John 8:23** – Jesus noted that they were of this world. They lived for themselves and put their personal desires before serving God
- **2 Timothy 3:5** – a form of godliness
- **Titus 1:16** – profess to know God, but in works they deny Him

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- Because of worldliness
- The Bible is clear that we cannot love the world and God at the same time
James 4:4 – friendship with the world is enmity with God
Matthew 6:24 – no one can serve 2 masters
1 John 2:15-17 – do not love the world or the things in the world...

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- Because of worldliness
- Like the Jews that challenged Jesus, many today choose the world and its ways over God.

Why? **John 3:19-21** – men loved darkness rather than light. They do not want to give up sinful practices

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- Because of worldliness
- Like the Jews, even believers can let worldliness keep them from taking care of their sins
 - **Luke 8:14** – the thorny ground
 - **Luke 9:62** – looking back
 - **2 Peter 2:20-22** – later state is worse
- **James 1:27** – pure religion is to keep oneself unspotted from the world

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- Because of ignorance
- The Jewish leaders that challenged Jesus were **WILLFULLY** ignorant
Matthew 13:15 – stopped their ears...
Romans 10:1-3 – ignorant of God's righteousness
John 15:21-22 – they had no excuse
- **Cf. Hosea 4:6** – My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge

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- Because of ignorance
- Whether willful or otherwise, ignorance is a dangerous place to be
Romans 1:28ff – often a choice
Matthew 7:21-23 – but many believe they are acceptable
Cf. 1 Timothy 1:13, Acts 26:9 – Paul thought he was acceptable

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- Because of ignorance
- **John 8:31-32** – Jesus’ answer to ignorance, “Abide in My word...”
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17** – God’s word is profitable to make us complete

Dying in Sin – Other reasons

- Because some procrastinate
- There are many who know they need to change, but put it off until a later time

Acts 24:25 – Felix

Acts 26:28 – Herod Agrippa

Matthew 25:1-13 – Parable of wise and foolish virgins

Luke 9:59-62 – followers of Jesus making excuses

Dying in Sin – Other reasons

- Because some procrastinate
- Eternity is too serious to put off
2 Corinthians 6:2 – NOW is the time...
Ephesians 5:15-16 – redeeming the time
- IF you have sin in your life and put it off, you may die in your sins!

Dying in Sin – Other reasons

- Because life is uncertain
- This is the danger of putting off dealing with your sins
James 4:14 – Your life is a vapor
Hebrews 9:27 – all will die and then face the judgment
Ecclesiastes 8:8 – one reason life is vanity – because of its uncertainty.
- No one is exempt of death – criminal behaviors, accidents, disasters, disease, etc., all claim lived suddenly.

Dying in Sin – Other reasons

- Because we fail to take care of our sins
- Ultimately, this is why one will die in sin BUT you do not have to!
- God has provided a plan **Romans 5:8-9, John 3:16**
- If you have never obeyed the gospel – **Romans 10:9-10, Acts 22:16, 2:38**
- If you are a Christian – **1 John 1:7-9, Acts 8:22**

Instead of dying in sin, take care of
your sins.

John 8:24

Put the old man of sin to death

Romans 6:1-7, 2 Corinthians 5:17

Are you living in sin?

Let us pray!