

Scripture referenced in

# WHY Does SIN Earn DEATH?

*(NOT an exhaustive list! What others can you find?)*

## Sin Earns Death

“For the wages of sin is death...” (**Romans 6:23a NIV**)

“...but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die.” (**Genesis 2:17 NIV**)

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned.” (**Romans 5:12 NIV**)

## God is the Source of All Life

“For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.” (**Colossians 1:16-17 ESV**)

“...He upholds the universe by the word of His power.” (**Hebrews 1:3 ESV**)

“In him was life, and the life was the light of men.” (**John 1:4 ESV**)

“Neither is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives everyone life and breath and all things.” (**Acts 17:25 CSB**)

“And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.” (**1 John 5:11-13 ESV**)

## Separated from God by Sin

“but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.” (**Isaiah 59:2 ESV**)

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.” (**Colossians 1:21 NIV**)

“remember that you were at that time separated from Christ...” (**Ephesians 2:12a ESV**)

## Spiritual Death

“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient,” (**Ephesians 2:1-2 CSB**)

“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,...” (**Colossians 2:13a ESV**)

## God is Holy

“And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!””  
(**Isaiah 6:3** ESV)

“And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!””  
(**Revelation 4:8** ESV)

“since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”” (**1 Peter 1:16** ESV)

“Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.” (**James 1:13** ESV)

“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him.” (**1 John 1:5** CSB)

## God is All and Only Good

“You are good, and what you do is good...” (**Psalms 119:68a** NIV)

“Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.” (**Psalms 25:8** ESV)

“Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!” (**Psalms 34:8** ESV)

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!” (**Psalms 107:1** ESV)

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” (**James 1:17** ESV)

## God is Just

“The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.” (**Deuteronomy 32:4** ESV)

“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.”  
(**Psalms 89:14** ESV)

“and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.” (**Psalms 9:8** ESV)

## God is Judge

“For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.” (**Acts 17:31** NIV)

“For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.” (**Romans 14:10b** ESV)

## God Cannot Be in Unity with Sinful People

“Now He fatally struck some of the men of Beth-shemesh because they had looked into the ark of the LORD. ... And the men of Beth-shemesh said, “Who is able to stand before the LORD, this holy God?”  
(**1 Samuel 6:19a, 20b** NASB)

“Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.”  
(**Hebrews 12:14** NIV)

“since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”” (**1 Peter 1:16** ESV)

## Everyone has Sinned

“As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one;” (**Romans 3:10 NIV**)

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (**Romans 3:23 ESV**)

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” (**1 John 1:8 ESV**)

## Everyone Knows Right from Wrong

“They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them” (**Romans 2:15 ESV**)

“For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.” (**Romans 1:19-20 ESV**)

## God has Made a Way for Us to Have Life Through Jesus

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”  
(**Romans 6:23 ESV**)

“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.” (**Galatians 2:20 ESV**)

“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.” (**Colossians 2:13-14 NIV**)

“When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.” (**Colossians 3:4 NIV**)

“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.” (**Romans 8:11 ESV**)

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.” (**Ephesians 1:7-10 ESV**)

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.”  
(**Isaiah 53:5-10 NIV**)

## More Scripture about Salvation/Life in Christ

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.” (**John 3:16-18 ESV**)

“because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (**Romans 10:9 ESV**)

“He himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world.” (**1 John 2:2 CSB**)

“And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.” (**1 John 5:11-13 ESV**)

“that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith...” (**Philippians 3:8b-9 ESV**)

“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.” (**Romans 3:21-26 ESV**)

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (**Ephesians 2:1-10 ESV**)

## We Will Not Understand Everything

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (**Isaiah 55:8-9 ESV**)

## We are Called to Help People Understand What We Can

“Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.” (**Colossians 4:5-6 ESV**)

“but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,” (**1 Peter 3:15 ESV**)