



Part 1: *Saints, Sinners and Grace*

The very word, "sin," seems to have disappeared. It was once a strong word, an ominous and serious word. But the word went away. It has almost disappeared - the word, along with the notion. Why? Doesn't anyone sin anymore?

-- Karl Menninger (Psychiatrist)
Whatever Became of Sin?

Nothing explains what is wrong with our world - and with us - any better than the biblical doctrine of sin.

-- Philip G. Ryken
The Message of Salvation

The Scripture makes it clear that sin has definite consequences. These consequences must eventually come to pass, whether sooner or later.

-- Milard J. Erickson
Christian Theology

The plain truth is that a right knowledge of sin lies at the root of all saving Christianity. Without it, such doctrines as justification, conversion, sanctification, are 'words and names' which convey no meaning to the mind.

-- Anglican Bishop J.C. Ryle (1816-1900)
Holiness

We are never to wallow hopelessly in our sins. Rather, we are to believe the gospel through which God has dealt with both the guilt of our sin and its dominion over us.

-- Jerry Bridges
Respectable Sins

Freedom in Christ, then, is not freedom TO sin but freedom FROM sin - freedom to live as God intends.

~ John MacArthur, *Slave: The Hidden Truth About Your Identity In Christ*

The gospel is a vital gift from God not only for our salvation but also to enable us to deal with the ongoing activity of sin in our lives. So we still need the gospel every day.

-- Jerry Bridges
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My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

-- Edward Mote
The Solid Rock

Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?

-- Jesus