

# Exploring Christianity Study 3

## What are the consequences of sin?

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### Introduction

This study is the third of a short series in which we consider the basic facts of the Christian faith. The purpose of this study is to help you understand the serious consequences of sin. You are going to be faced with some uncomfortable facts in this study. But do not be overly discouraged. There is a solution to this problem. Have you prayed first?

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### Section 1 — What is sin & how many people are sinners?

Read Romans 3:23 (*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*).

1a How many people are sinners?

\_\_\_\_\_ are sinners .

1b Sin is defined in the Bible as follows:

Sin is coming \_\_\_\_\_ of God's glory.

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### Section 2 — What Are the Consequences of Sin?

Read John 3:16-19, and then answer the following questions.

2a What did God's love for the world cause Him to do (v16)?

He \_\_\_\_\_ His only begotten \_\_\_\_\_ .

2b What does God wish people to have (v16)?

He wants them to have \_\_\_\_\_ life.

2c What does God not wish to happen to people (v16)?

God does not wish that people should \_\_\_\_\_.

2d Why did God send His Son (Jesus Christ) into the world (v17)?

It was not to \_\_\_\_\_ the world, but to \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

2e Why are some people condemned already (v18)?

Because they have not \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus Christ.

2f Why are some other people not condemned (v18)?

Some are not condemned, because they have \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus Christ.

2g Why do some people love darkness rather than light (v19)?

Because their \_\_\_\_\_ were evil.

2h What is the opposite of having everlasting life (v15-16)?

The opposite of everlasting life is to \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Section 3** — What exactly does it mean to “perish”?

This will become clear now as we look at a man who lived for himself and had no time for God. Read Luke 16:19-31. In this revealing account, Jesus Christ gives us clear teaching concerning life after death. This is not a parable, because it is dealing with a real named person, etc. The rich man is not named, probably out of consideration for his family.

**3a** In your own words, what kind of life did the rich man enjoy as described in v19?

He had \_\_\_\_\_ .

**3b** What happened to the rich man after death (v23)? He went to \_\_\_\_\_ .

**3c** What was it like there (v23)? It was a place of \_\_\_\_\_ .

**3d** Why do you think the rich man went there? He had lived without \_\_\_\_\_ .

**3e** How was his lack of love for God shown in his lifetime (verses 20-21)?

The rich man showed his lack of love for God by \_\_\_\_\_  
the situation of Lazarus outside his gate.

**3f** Was there any way for the rich man to escape from this terrible place (see v26)?

There was \_\_\_\_\_ way out.

**3g** What is the way to avoid going to this terrible place (see v29)?

The way to avoid Hell is to listen to and act upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**3h** If a person will not listen to the Bible, what amazing thing will not persuade them to believe (v31)?

Even if a person would rise from the \_\_\_\_\_ , they will not be persuaded.

Read and consider John 3:16.

Thus “to perish” means to be excluded from Heaven forever, and to suffer eternal punishment for your sin.

**Section 4** — There Are Only Two Roads in Life.

Read and consider Matthew 7:13-14 (*Enter ye in at the strait (narrow) gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait (narrow) is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*)

Here Jesus Christ tells us that there are only two roads in life. You are on either one of these two roads. or the other. But which one? Examine the table below and fill in the answers.

| Questions to Consider                    | The Wide Road (v13) | The Narrow Road (v14) |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 How wide is the gate?                  |                     |                       |
| 2 How many are on this road?             |                     |                       |
| 3 Where does this road lead?             |                     |                       |
| 4 How do you get on this road (see v14)? |                     |                       |

Question to consider — which road are you on right now, the broad one or the narrow one?

### **Conclusion:**

- Have you faced the fact that God will judge **all** sin, including **your** sins?
- Has there been a definite moment in your life when you realised that you were in serious trouble because of being under God's anger (wrath)?
- Has there ever been a definite moment in your life when you realised that you were on the broad road to destruction?
- Is it possible that you are still on the broad road right now? Please consider this possibility seriously.

### **Prayer**

It might be helpful if you were to talk to God asking Him to show you your true state in His sight. Perhaps these words would fit you?

"Lord help me to understand my true condition before you.

Help me to admit my sinfulness compared to your holy standards.

Help me to know which road I am really on right now.

Help me to escape the terrible place called Hell"