

The Prattmont Church of Christ is just what the name suggests, a church that belongs to Christ. We are not a denomination; we are simply a group of Christians trying very hard to practice the teachings of our Head, Jesus Christ. The New Testament offers a complete pattern for what each local church should be like—its organization, its worship, its work, etc. We are committed to following that pattern. We cordially invite you to attend our services. We would also welcome any comments or questions about this bulletin.

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday

Bible Classes.....9 A.M.
 Worship 10:00 A.M.
 Worship/Bible Study..5 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.



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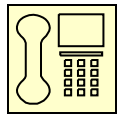

Descriptions of Sin
(From the Book of Isaiah)

by Bryan Gibson

Sin is too often taken too lightly, not always seen for what it really is. To better understand it from God’s perspective, note these descriptions of sin, taken from the Book of Isaiah.

- “They rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit” (63:10).
- “Stray from Your ways (63:17).
- “Hardened our heart from Your fear” (63:17).
- “A rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, according to their own thoughts” (65:2).
- “Did evil before My eyes” (65:12; 66:4).
- “Chose that in which I do not delight” (65:12; 66:4).
- “They have chosen their own ways” (66:3).
- “When I called, you did not answer. When I spoke, you did not hear” (65:12).

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- “Transgressed against Me” (66:24).
- “They have provoked to anger the Holy One of Israel” (1:4).
- “I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me” (1:2).
- “Their tongue and their doings are against the Lord” (4:8).
- “They have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One” (5:24).
- “They have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant” (24:5).
- “They would not walk in His ways, nor were they obedient to His law” (42:24).
- “Rebellious children...who take counsel, but not of Me, and who devise plans, but not of My Spirit” (30:1).
- “We have turned, every one, to his own way” (53:6).

Why So Much Evil in the World?

by Bryan Gibson

Those skeptical of God’s existence sometimes ask this question. If God is real, they say, why is there so much evil? There is plenty of evil, no question about it. We don’t have to look far to see covetousness, maliciousness, envy, murder, strife, deceit, violence, sexual perversions of every kind, etc. But why do we have all this? Is God to blame? Hardly. The blame should be placed squarely on the shoulders of man.

In Romans 1 a description is given of the ancient world, but it could just as easily describe the world in which we live today. The list of sins given previously is taken directly from that chapter, where you will also find many more (see Romans 1:24-32 for the disgusting details).

But let’s get back to the original question. Why all this evil? Why do men behave this way? According to this same chapter in Romans, the downward spiral begins when men do not acknowledge God, despite abundant evidence to the contrary. They do not glorify Him, nor give thanks to Him (1:20-21). Without the humility that accompanies the knowledge of God, their hearts become filled with pride, and they begin to worship the things of creation rather than the Creator himself (1:22-23, 25). Their focus now is on serving self rather than the Creator. Little effort is spent in restraining their desires. With their desires unchecked, their actions become unclean, vile, dishonorable, hurtful to themselves and to others (vv. 24, 26-32). Obviously, some don’t slide as far as others, but you can’t push God out of your mind and not be affected in a negative way.

Yes, there is a lot of evil in this world, but it’s not hard to see why. When men reject God, in whom there is nothing but good, evil will be the result. It should make us all long for the place where nothing but righteousness dwells (2 Peter 3:13).

