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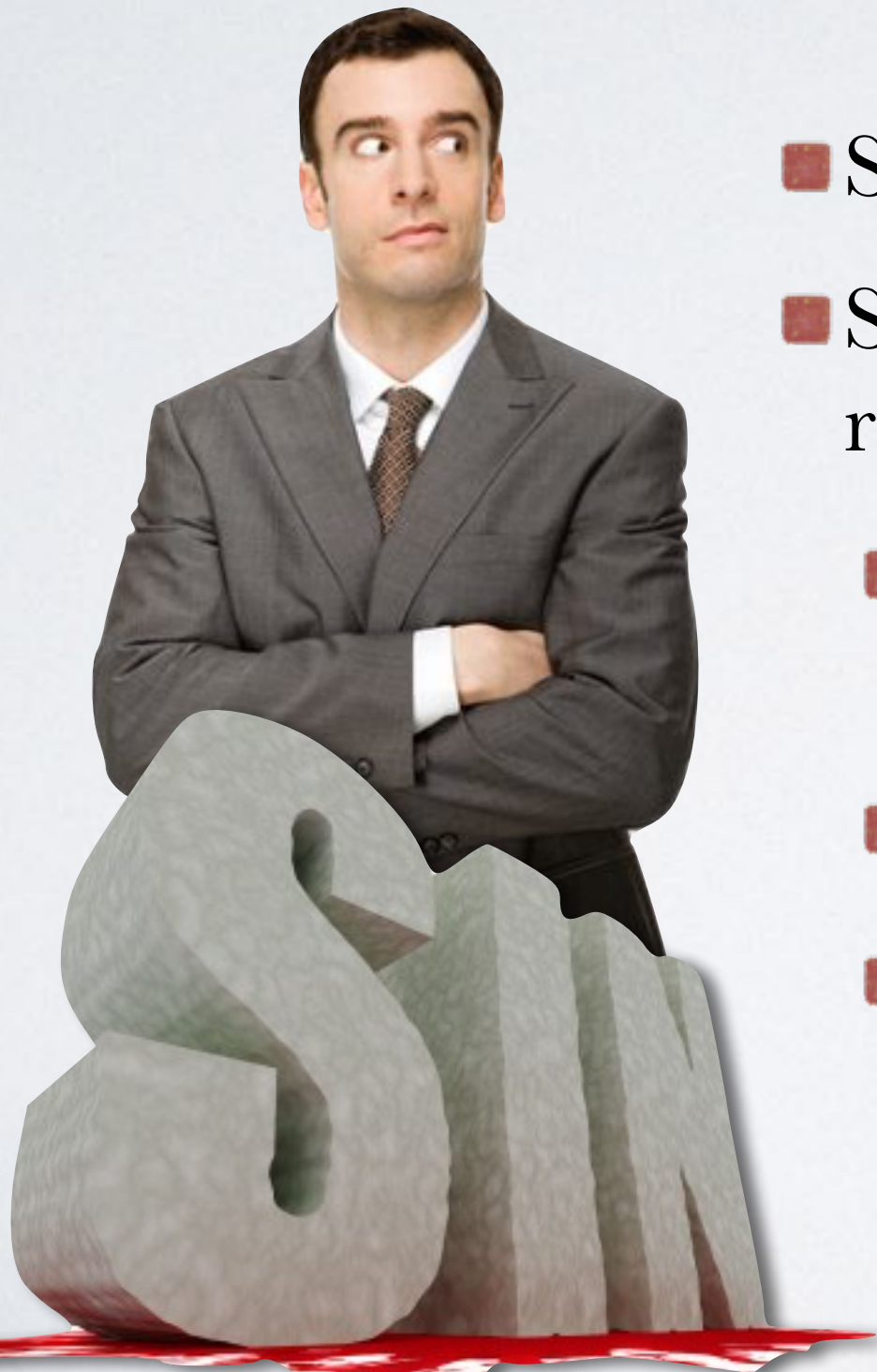
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- Sin separates one from God - Isa. 59,1,2
- Sin will keep one out of heaven unless they repent - 1 Co 6:11; Gal. 5:21
- Repentance - *a change of mind that results in a change in actions* - cf. Ezekiel 18:21-32
- “*Except you repent you will perish*” - Lk 13:3,5
- “*God commands all men everywhere to repent ...*” Acts 17:30,31;

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¹⁸ We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. ¹⁹ We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway* of the wicked one. ²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. ²¹ Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

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- ✱ Not talking about Christians?
- ✱ The specific sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit?
- ✱ Physical death, not spiritual?

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“Refers to believers, and it refers to physical death, not spiritual death ... A believer can commit a sin which will cause the Lord to just take him to heaven. He doesn’t go to hell, he goes to heaven. ... It is any sin the Lord deems to be serious to the point where you are better off removed from the church because of your influence.”

A photograph of John MacArthur, an older man with white hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie. He is smiling and holding a book.

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Bible Q & A with John MacArthur - <https://vimeo.com/17087980>

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Revelation 21:8 (NKJV)
8 But the cowardly,
unbelieving, abominable,
murderers, sexually
immoral, sorcerers,
idolaters, and all liars
shall have their part in the
lake which burns with fire
and brimstone, which is
the second death.”

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- * Not ANY particular sin, but rather the degree to which one has given himself / herself to a sin or sins — Romans 1:18-32
- * A warning against apostasy — 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Gal. 5:1-6; 2 Pet. 2:20-22



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- ✱ What About “Blaspheming the Holy Spirit?” — Mat. 12:31,32
 - Jesus had cast a demon out of a blind and mute man (Mat 12:22),
 - People confessed him to be the Christ (vs 23).
 - The Pharisees charged that Jesus cast out demons “by Beelzebub the ruler of the demons” (vs 24).
 - Jesus demonstrated the absurdity of this charge (vs 25-30).

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- ✱ What About “Blaspheming the Holy Spirit?” — Mat. 12:31,32
 - By attributing the confirming work of the Holy Spirit to Satan, — (Jn 20:30-31; Mk 16:20; Ac 14:3; Heb 2:3,4).
 - Their heart was so hardened with prejudice they rejected the clear testimony of the Spirit – there is to be no more testimony! (John 5; 8:44; 12:37-40; 2 Thes. 2:10-12).

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✱ What About “Blaspheming the Holy Spirit?” — Mat. 12:31,32

- Not a case of the unwillingness or inability of God to forgive.
- BUT - a matter of the unwillingness and inability of those with hardened hearts to believe unto forgiveness.
- Those who ridicule & reject the evidence God has given reject God’s provision of forgiveness –
- They have NO HOPE? (Jn 14:6)

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✱ Other passages with comparative applications —

- Philippians 3:17-19 — *enemies of the cross / whose god is their belly / glory in their shame / set their mind on earthly things ...*
- 2 Thess. 2:10-12 — *When we reject a love for the truth & love unrighteousness / God will send strong delusion that we believe a lie and be condemned ...*

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- ✱ Other passages with comparative applications —
 - Hebrews 3:7-4:13 — *Israelites hardened their hearts and rebelled (cf. 1 Cor. 10:1-13)*
 - Hebrews 6:4-8 — *impossible to renew them to repentance ...*
 - Hebrews 10:26-31 — *willful sin / no longer a sacrifice for sin ...*
 - Hebrews 12:7-17 — *Esau sold his birthright - could not find repentance.*

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2 Peter 2:20–22 (NKJV)

²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. ²¹ For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. ²² But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “*A dog returns to his own vomit,*” and, “*a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.*”



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✧ APPLICATIONS:

■ *Christians today who reject the truth they once held, have hardened their hearts against it, and now fight against it may very well be guilty of the “sin unto death” — Romans 16:17; 2 Peter 2:1-19.*

■ *The possibility of apostasy is real, not an imagined or conjured up threat — 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Hebrews 3,4,6,10,12; Gal. 5:1-6*



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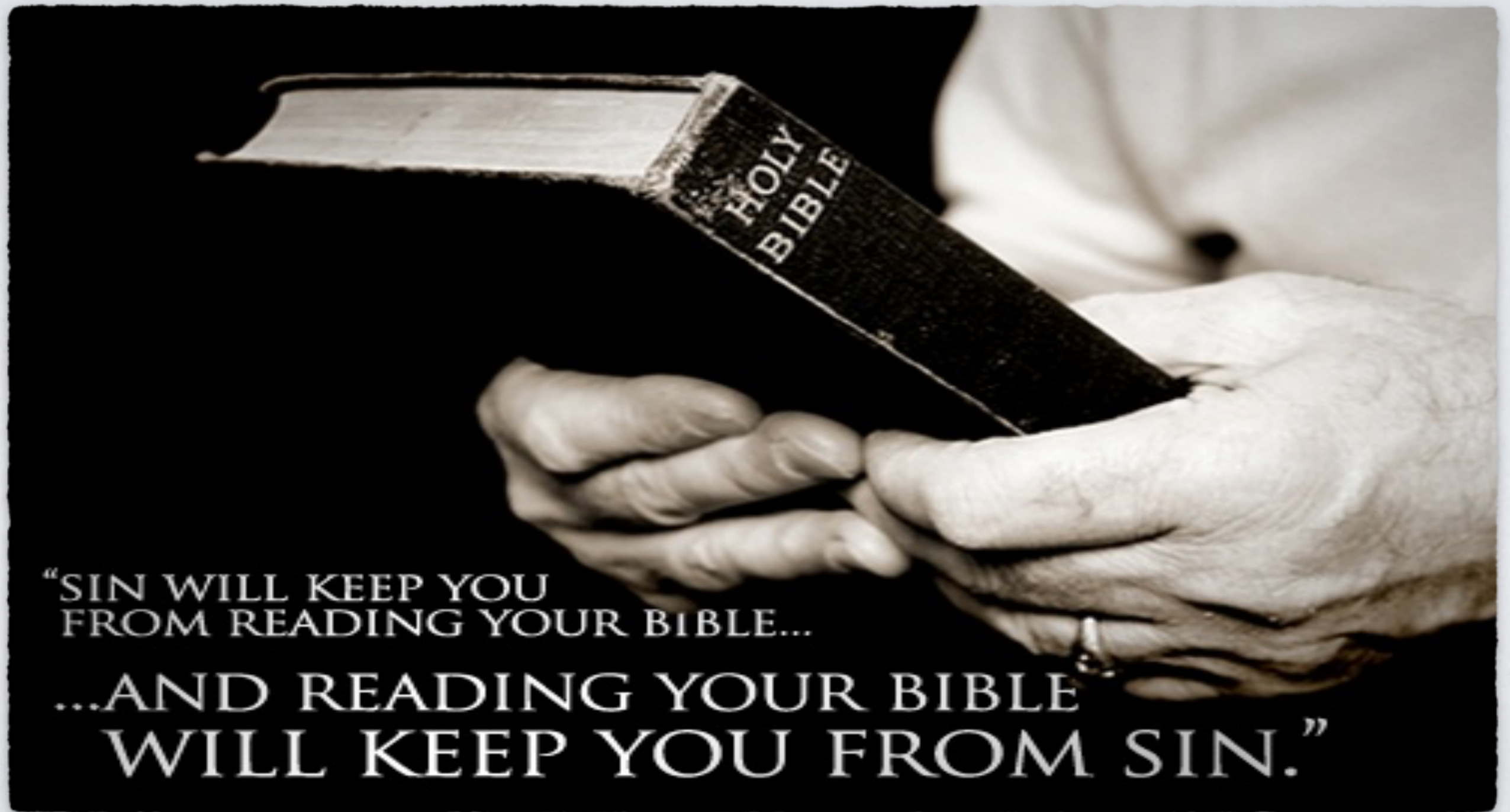
✧ APPLICATIONS:

- *We need to constantly examine ourselves and keep our heart with all diligence — 2 Cor. 13:5; Prov. 4:23; 2 Tim 2:15; 2 Pet. 1:5-12*
- *We need to keep our conscience tender to God’s word & correction — Heb 12:5-17; Acts 17:11,12*
- *Confess our sins / turn away from sin / develop hatred for sin and a heart devoted to pleasing God — Gen 39:9*



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FROM READING YOUR BIBLE..."

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Charles Spurgeon

If you will not have death unto sin, you shall have sin unto death. There is no alternative. If you do not die to sin, you shall die for sin. If you do not slay sin, sin will slay you.

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- * If you are not a Christian - PLEASE do not leave today without obeying the gospel! -- Rom. 10:17; John 8:24; Romans 10:9,10; Acts 2:38; 22:16
- * If you are a Christian, and there is present sin in your life - do not wait - confess your sin and repent NOW — 1 John 1:9,10; Acts 8:22

2 Corinthians 6:2

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Revelation 22:17
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¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.



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