

Ignoring Sin in Churches Is Fueling Its Spread in Society

A new survey has revealed that many Christians no longer fully embrace biblical teachings about sin, a trend one veteran researcher says is a “bodyblow” to the church. The findings highlight the dangers of neglecting one of the most basic elements of Scripture: that all people have sinned and need redemption through Jesus Christ.

As reported by The Christian Post, the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University released the eighth installment of its 2025 “American Worldview Inventory” on Thursday. Based on responses from 2,000 U.S. adults, the survey found that while 84% agreed “sin exists” and “it is real,” far fewer were willing to personally identify themselves as sinners.

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George Barna, director of research at the center, placed the blame squarely on America’s pulpits. “The job of the local church is to educate people about God’s ways,” Barna said. “Yet, a 2019 Pew Research study that analyzed sermon content across the nation determined that just 3% of all sermons preached even mentioned sin. That’s a devastating bodyblow to the Church world.”

This absence of teaching is not without consequence. Scripture makes clear that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23). To downplay or dismiss sin is to open the door for its prevalence in society. Barna warned, “For an overwhelming majority of Christian churches to suppress the reality of sin, its consequences, and its solutions from the people those churches serve is a travesty.”



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Today, sin manifests openly across culture, from lawlessness in the streets to corruption in leadership. Yet, many Americans continue to take refuge in the belief that "other people have a sin problem, but they personally do not" or that "sin is an outdated concept." According to Barna, these are "harmful strategies" that erode both faith and morality.

The survey also showed that 70% of those who believe in sin still claim people are "basically good at heart," a notion Barna said dismisses the eternal seriousness of rebellion against God. "Describing all people as 'basically good at heart' is the culturally-comfortable dismissal of sin that millions of people use to ignore the possibility that their love affair with disobedience to God is a life-threatening spiritual disease with eternal consequences," he explained.

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The Bible warns that "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). Ignoring sin doesn't make it disappear. It allows it to spread unchecked in individuals, churches, and entire nations. That is why the call for pastors, parents and teachers is urgent. "Parents, pastors and religious influencers have a vital responsibility to keep basic biblical truths before the Christian body, including the reality of sin and its repercussions," Barna said.

Preaching the whole counsel of God, including the uncomfortable truths about sin, is not optional. It is essential. "Inserting sin back into the national consciousness would be an invaluable investment into who we are as a nation and as the Church," Barna continued.

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For the health of the church and the future of the nation, pastors must preach more than what comforts the ear. They must preach the truth about sin, its consequences and the eternal hope found only in Jesus Christ.

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Mike Huckabee: Hamas Driven by 'Most Demonic Forces Ever Unleashed'

The Nephilim are not just ancient figures from Genesis. They are real and active today, working through portals and spiritual deception to draw people away from God. Their presence underscores the reality of an unseen war raging around humanity.

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On The Big Picture podcast, host Larry Ragland spoke with Tony Merkel of The Confessionals podcast about how these beings operate. Merkel described how dark entities recruit individuals into allegiance. "Some people are recruited by entities to pledge allegiance to them. And when some people say yes to it, it sets their life on a different path," he said. "I've never come across anybody who said no that was recruited more than once."

These Nephilim and their spiritual counterparts are not united. Merkel said, "Though they are against 'big G' God, they got their own little quarrels amongst each other." Their infighting does not lessen their danger but reveals a kingdom of darkness filled with chaos.



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At the center of their strategy is deception. "The Bible says that the devil is a liar, the father of lies. There's no truth in him. When he fell, he lost the ability to process truth. He knows what's true but he can't process what's true," Merkel explained.

Their goal is not to raise Satan worshipers but to keep people from following Christ. "I don't think Satan cares if you're a Satan worshiper or not. I think he cares if you're a Jesus worshiper or not," Merkel said.

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Citing Ephesians, Merkel reminded listeners that this war is structured and organized. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood. We're fighting principalities, rulers of the darkness of this world, spiritual wickedness in high places," he said.

Ragland emphasized that the reality of portals and Nephilim activity is part of God's larger revelation. "There's more going on in this world than what you can see, hear, taste or feel," he told viewers. "Your senses will not identify it. It's the spirit realm."

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The two confirmed that spiritual warfare is not symbolic or

metaphorical but a present reality. The Nephilim and demonic forces are active, operating through deception and portals to ensnare humanity. For believers this war demands vigilance, faith and a steadfast commitment to Jesus who alone gives victory over the powers of darkness.

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From Weak Words to Spiritual Weapons: Kelly K Reveals the Power of Prayer

Leadership has always been central to God's plan for His people. From Moses guiding Israel through the wilderness to the apostles leading the early church, the Bible is full of examples of individuals called to step forward with courage and conviction. Leadership is not just about holding a title but about answering God's call to act decisively in times of need.

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Pastor Travis Johnson recently shared a message on the importance of biblical leadership, drawing from the story of Deborah in Judges 4 and 5. In his sermon, Johnson outlined four kinds of leaders found in Scripture and how their qualities continue to apply to the church today.

1. Decisive Leaders

Johnson began with Deborah herself, describing her as a model of decisiveness in the face of chaos. Quoting Judges 5:7, he

said, "There were few people left in the villages of Israel until Deborah arose as a mother for Israel." Johnson explained that "your destiny is in the hands of decisiveness. You have to be able to make a decision." He emphasized that indecision is costly, pointing to Israel's oppression under King Jabin and Sisera for 20 years before the people finally cried out to God. Deborah's willingness to act set her apart as a leader who brought clarity and direction.



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2. Collaborative Leaders

Next, Johnson turned to Barak, who partnered with Deborah when called to lead Israel into battle. He described Barak as the example of a collaborative leader who understood his own limitations and leaned on Deborah's prophetic guidance. Johnson noted, "If you can recognize your blind spot and you can partner with someone that can help you make decisions, now you're blessed." This style of leadership demonstrates humility and the strength that comes from working together under God's direction.

3. Courageous Leaders

The third type Johnson identified was the courageous leader, represented by Jael. Judges 5:24 praises her as "most blessed of women" for striking down Sisera when he sought refuge in her tent. Johnson highlighted her boldness, saying, "Courage. Courage. And we need a little bit more of that." He stressed that courage often comes in moments when plans are uncertain but the opportunity to act is clear. Jael seized the moment to deliver victory for God's people.

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4. Indecisive Leaders

Finally, Johnson addressed the negative example of the tribe of Reuben, who failed to join the fight. Judges 5:16 records, “Why did you sit at home among the sheepfolds to hear the shepherds whistle for their flocks?” Johnson warned, “It’s not just what you do in the moment that God is breathing and moving. It’s also what you don’t do.” He called indecision “incredibly expensive” and urged Christians not to delay obedience when God calls them to act.

Johnson closed his message with a call to action for every believer, reminding them that leadership is not reserved for a select few. “If you are a Christian, you are a leader,” he said.

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The story of Deborah and the leaders around her illustrates that godly leadership can take many forms but always requires faith and a willingness to act. Whether in the church, the family, or the broader community, leadership rooted in Scripture has the power to change lives and point people back to God.

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Mysterious 5,000-Year-Old ‘Fairy Houses’ Discovered

Among Ancient Ruins

Strange discoveries keep surfacing around the world that seem to hint at connections between archaeology and the supernatural. From tales of giants in ancient texts to mysterious ruins with unclear origins, each new find sparks wonder about what our ancestors believed and why so many of their stories involve beings beyond the natural world.

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Archaeologists in Italy have added to that intrigue with the unearthing of three ancient “fairy houses” on the island of Sardinia, Fox News reported. The discovery was announced July 29 by the Superintendency of Archaeology, Fine Arts and Landscape for the Provinces of Sassari and Nuoro.



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The “fairy houses” known as domus de janas date back more than 5,000 years to the late Neolithic and Copper Age. According to local folklore, the chambers were imagined as dwellings for magical beings. “This new discovery enriches knowledge of the domus de janas – tombs carved into rock that often reproduce, in relief, details of the houses of the living and symbolic decorations linked to magical-religious rituals,” officials said in their statement.

Before this excavation, researchers had uncovered 17 of the tombs. With the three new finds the total now stands at 20. Officials explained that “the characteristics of the ground

between [two tombs] ... suggested the presence of a new, as yet unexplored tomb.”

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Among the discoveries were pickaxes, a spindle whorl, a small greenstone axe, obsidian fragments and pottery shards. The most complex tomb, called the Tomb of the Roman Vases, held a painted wall band and more than 30 Roman-era ceramic pieces including plates, oil lamps and jugs, all described as “in excellent condition.”

Together the tombs are part of the Sant’Andrea Priu archaeological complex, which was recently recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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Finds like these show how folklore and archaeology often walk side by side. What earlier generations called fairy houses may have been tombs, yet the legends remind us that ancient people may have been preserving memories of things they truly encountered and not just stories they imagined.

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Why Christians Must Stand Against the Growing Assisted

Suicide Agenda

The issue of assisted suicide has been pushed forward in legislatures across the United States with the claim that so-called “safeguards” will protect the vulnerable. Advocates promise that only adults of sound mind facing terminal illness would ever qualify, and that strict oversight would prevent abuses. But the evidence shows otherwise, and the expansion of euthanasia in Canada stands as a grim warning of where this path leads.

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In a recent Boston Globe opinion piece, columnist Jeff Jacoby addressed this growing crisis, citing reports from UnHerd and The Atlantic. “When physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia are legalized, guardrails soon collapse,” Jacoby wrote. He pointed to cases in Colorado, where a 29-year-old woman in a severe mental health crisis was still given lethal drugs, and to states like Washington and Oregon that have loosened rules to the point of allowing “suicide tourism.” Oversight, Jacoby argued, is “threadbare” and violations are ignored with impunity.

The situation in Canada has spiraled even further. Jacoby noted that when Parliament legalized “medical assistance in dying” in 2016, it was limited to competent adults with terminal illness. Less than a decade later, MAID now accounts for one in 20 Canadian deaths. “In Quebec,” Jacoby highlighted, “more than 7 percent of all deaths are by euthanasia – the highest rate of any jurisdiction in the world.” Cases include a quadriplegic man who sought death after developing a bedsore and an ALS patient who chose euthanasia because she could not secure enough government-funded home care. “The lesson could not be plainer,” Jacoby warned. “Legislators may promise ‘state-of-the-art

safeguards,' but those promises are illusory."



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This debate is not merely political. The sanctity of life is rooted in the Word of God. Scripture affirms that life is a gift from the Creator, not something to be disposed of when suffering comes. Psalm 139 declares that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made," with our days numbered by God before even one of them comes to be. Job refused to curse God and take his own life even in unimaginable pain, instead confessing, "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

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Assisted suicide turns medicine on its head by asking doctors to become executioners rather than healers. It also rejects the biblical truth that suffering can have meaning and that God alone holds the keys to life and death. As Jacoby put it, "A decent society does not enlist physicians to end lives; it strives to relieve suffering while upholding life's inestimable worth."

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The push for assisted suicide in places like Massachusetts shows that this debate is not abstract. It is an immediate moral test. Christians and all who value life must stand against this practice, defend the vulnerable and remember that God's gift of life is precious and worthy of protection.

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Earthquake Swarm in Nevada Raises Fears Over Ancient Supervolcano

The year 2025 has already seen an unusual amount of earthquake activity worldwide, leaving many to wonder if there is a deeper meaning behind these tremors. From devastating quakes overseas to swarms in the United States, questions are being raised about whether these shaking events are only natural or if they point to something more.

Northern Nevada has been rattled by a series of earthquakes that has some residents and online observers worried about what may come next. According to the US Geological Survey, “a 3.7 and earthquake were recorded Tuesday morning just after 9:30am ET.”

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The pair of quakes struck about 30 miles from Valmy, a small town near several active fault lines. In the past week alone, 38 earthquakes were recorded around the region, including a event on Saturday. While most quakes between 3.0 and 5.0 are only strong enough to cause minor damage, the number of swarms has captured attention.



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The Daily Mail reported that “the swarms were likely driven by tectonic forces along the fault systems of the Basin and Range Province.” Yet some online voices are pointing to the nearby

McDermitt Volcanic Field, a massive ancient caldera that formed 16 million years ago. The earthquakes have occurred less than 75 miles away, prompting speculation about a possible eruption. One social media account with over 83,000 followers claimed that Nevada's swarm could even set off "a major earthquake in California."

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Scientists are working to ease public concern. The McDermitt supervolcano is classified as dormant, and there is no evidence it is reawakening. NASA explained, "The Earth's crust in the Basin and Range Province is gradually expanding, cracking into hundreds of faults as it thins." This stretching of the crust is what makes the region one of the most seismically active in the nation, not underground magma chambers.

Looking at the Signs

For believers, these events serve as a reminder of what Jesus told His disciples. In Matthew 24, He warned that "there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains." Earthquakes, along with other natural and societal upheavals, were described as signals that the world is moving closer to His return.

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These signs are not meant to drive fear but to inspire vigilance and faithfulness. Just as the Nevada swarm highlights the fragility of the earth beneath our feet, Scripture points us to the unshakable foundation found in Christ. For Christians, the call is to live watchfully, share the gospel, and find hope in the promise that "when you shall

see all these things, you know that it is near, even at the doors" (Matt. 24:33).

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Blood Moon, Feast Days and UN Meetings: Why September Has Prophecy Watchers on Alert