

Do Not Excuse Your Sin

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

—James 1:14-15

Jesus says, “I am the way” (John 14:6). We cannot bypass sin and expect to get through to God. Jesus is the only throughway to repentance, the only access road. In our ignorance and wickedness we try to bypass the reality of our sin.

Don’t try to excuse your sin. Sin is always a deliberate act of your will. You decide to sin. Notice the path that leads you into sin and the end result.

The tool of sin is lust. Your own lusts, desires, wants, and cravings grasp for what you should not have or do not need.

The device of sin is enticement. Sin uses your lust to draw you away from God and toward the world. Like a fish lured by bait or an animal enticed by a trap, you find yourself drawn away from the safety of a loving Father and into the arms of the devourer.

The effect of sin is death. Lust conceived, bears sin. Sin gradually and seductively steals from you until you are robbed of life itself.

The only way out of sin is Jesus. Are you turning away from sin and toward the way, truth, and life—Jesus?

**Jesus, break the power of sin in my life through
Your precious blood. Give me discernment that
I may avoid every trap of sin today. Amen.**