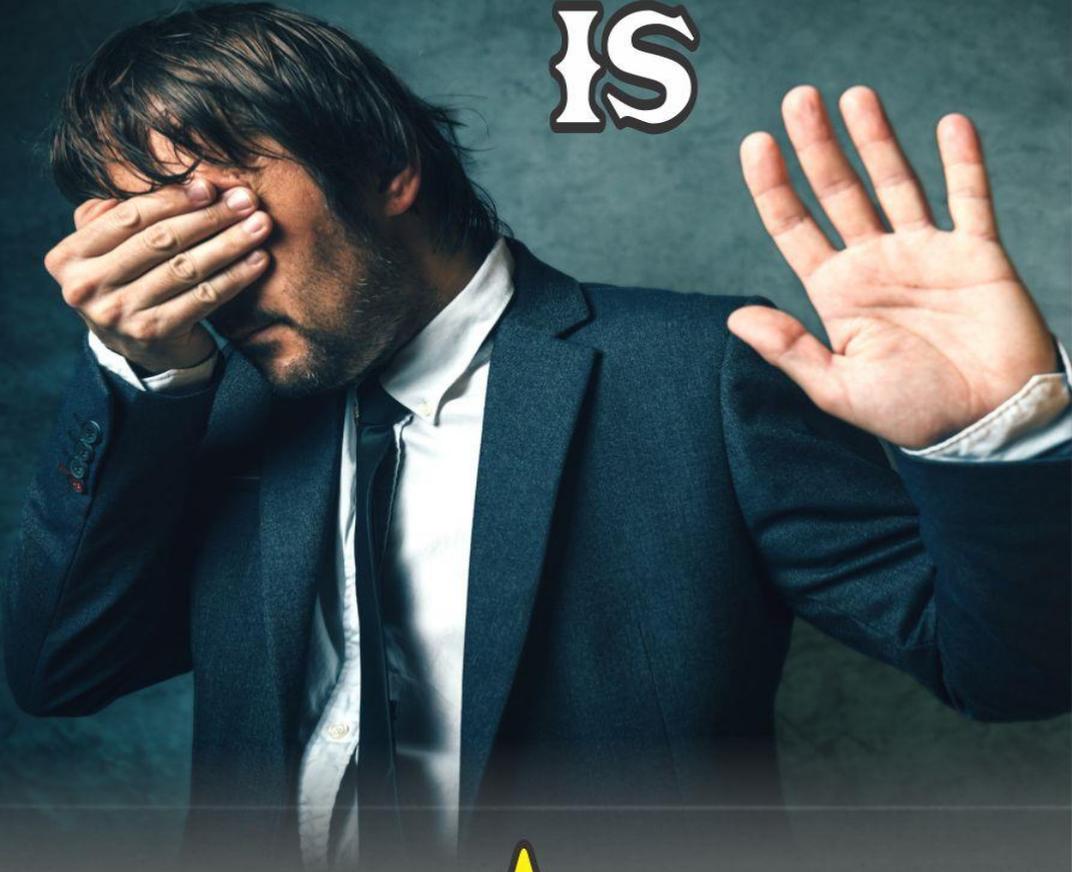


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One of the reasons for widespread chaos all over the world today is sin. Sin simply means disobedience or disregard for the law and Person of God. Sin is the cause of shameful acts that are being witnessed all over the world.

People all over the world are neck-deep in disobedience because they have refused to regard God in their minds. “*Furthermore, because they did not think it worthwhile to keep knowing God fully, God delivered them to **degraded** minds to perform acts that should not be done*”. (Romans 1:28 ISV). Living a life void of increased knowledge of God is the entrance into a life of shame. It is shameful to see men terrorizing their fellow men; it is shameful to see homosexuality and lesbianism on the increase.

Sin is regarded as a reproach because it violates God's righteous norms, separates us from God, has negative effects, contradicts God's purpose, and is incompatible with God's kingdom. Sin contradicts God's intention and plan, distorting and ruining the

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excellent things God intended for us. It is opposed to love, righteousness, and justice. The shame of sin stems from the realisation that we have decided to associate ourselves with that which is opposed to God's kingdom and methods.

God is holy, and His rules are intended to help us live lives of righteousness. Sin is contrary to God's essence and character, and it dishonours and degrades the one who does it. Sin causes a rift in our connection with God and separates us from Him. We feel ashamed, guilty, and unworthy because it puts a barrier between us and God's presence. The reproach of sin stems from the realization that we have fallen short of God's glory and are estranged from Him.

Sin carries harmful consequences both for ourselves and for others. It can cause pain, broken relationships, and damage to our own well-being. The reproach of sin arises from the recognition that our actions have negative effects and can bring harm to ourselves and those around us. The reproach of sin lies in the recognition that we have deviated

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from God's plan and have chosen paths that lead to brokenness and emptiness.

But God has a way of escaping for you, and the answer is 'righteousness'. "*Righteousness makes a nation great, but sin diminishes any people*". (Proverbs 14:34 ISV). Righteousness means standing right with God. It means doing what God created you to do.

Righteousness does not come by doing certain things; it comes by first believing in Jesus Christ. Believing that God sent Jesus Christ to die for you and to restore you to your rightful place in destiny. God imputes righteousness to you when you give your life to Him. Just like a child is born innocent without a past, those who are born of God are given the mind and righteousness of God.

God's message is not one of condemnation but of redemption and restoration. All who repent and place their faith in Jesus Christ are promised forgiveness and reconciliation with God via His sacrifice. God's grace demonstrated in righteousness overcomes the reproach of sin. This allows us to live

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in accordance with His will and witness the transformational power of His love.

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