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“Make No Mistake About It”

Why is Sin Not Just Another Word for Mistake?

1. Because the Bible says I’m a sinner, not a “mistaker.”
 - **Rom. 3:23:** “...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...”
 - **Gal. 3:22:** “...the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.”
2. Because Jesus did not come to lower the bar, but to raise it.
 - **Matt. 5:17-18, 20:** “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ²⁰For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”
3. Because as a sinner I’m a lot worse off than I think I am.
 - **Matt. 5:21:** “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’”
 - **Matt. 5:27-28:** “You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”
 - **Matt. 5:31-34a, 37:** “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery. ³³Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I tell you, Do not swear at all... ³⁷Simply let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.”
4. Because Christ only rescues & relates to those who acknowledge & turn from their sins.
 - **Luke 13:3:** “...unless you repent, you too will all perish.”
 - **Acts 26:20b:** “I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds.”