

Sin's Separative Nature

Sin defined: Literally, a *missing the mark*, 1John 3:4 (Grk. *hamartia*).

Sin Separates:

- **Spouses**, 1Cor.7:10-11; this is not God's intention or way, vv.12-16; Eph.5:25-33.
- **Families**, Luke 12:49-53; this is not what God desired, Eph.6:1-4; Luke 15:20-32.
- **Friends**, cf. Gal.2:11-14; Col.4:14 and Phile.24 with 2Tim.4:10; this is not what God wants, Prov.18:24; 27:10.
- **Brethren**, 1Cor.5:1-13; 2Thess.3:6-14; but such is not God's desire, Eph.4:1-3,31-32.

But most importantly, sin separates **us from God**, Isa.59:1-2; from His fellowship, Gen.2 3:7-8,23-24; His blessings, 1Pet.3:10-12; from His salvation, Rom.11:20-22; but this is neither God's wish nor desire, Matt.13:14-15; 23:37-39

Sin separates what God has joined (and desires to be) together.