

# One Sin

by John Bunyan

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*John Bunyan emphasizes the necessity of identifying and departing from one's 'darling sin' to achieve true freedom from iniquity.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 119:11, Proverbs 28:13, Matthew 5:29-30, Romans 6:12-13, Galatians 5:24, 2 Timothy 2:19, Hebrews 12:1, James 4:7, 1 Peter 2:11, 1 John 1:9

**Topics:** "Holiness", "Sin"

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## Description

John Bunyan emphasizes the necessity of renouncing one's 'darling sin' in order to truly depart from iniquity, as highlighted in 2 Timothy 2:19. He illustrates that clinging to a favorite sin allows other sins to persist, much like a man who cannot rid his house of pests until he removes the source attracting them. Bunyan urges believers to confront and cast out their most cherished sins to find freedom from the others that accompany them. The sermon calls for self-examination and a commitment to holiness by prioritizing the rejection of sin.

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## Transcript

"Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (2 Tim. 2:19).

And, indeed, if a man will depart from iniquity, he must depart from his darling sin first; for as long as that is entertained, the others, at least those that are most suiting with that darling, will always be haunting of him. There is a man that has such and such haunt his house, and spend his substance, and would be rid of them, but cannot; but now, let him rid himself of that, for the sake of which they haunt his house, and then he shall with ease be rid of them. Thus it is with sin. There is a man that is plagued with many sins, perhaps because he embraceth one: well, let him turn that one out of doors, and that is the way to be rid of the rest.

Keep thee from thy darling, thy bosom, thy constitution-sin.

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