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The Most Tragic Results of Sin

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When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. **37** Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, **38** so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been
revealed?”

39 Therefore they could not believe. For again
Isaiah said,

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“He has blinded their eyes

and hardened their heart,

lest they see with their eyes,

and understand with their heart, and turn,

and I would heal them.”

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44 And Jesus cried out and said,
“Whoever believes in me, believes not in
me but in him who sent me. **45** And
whoever sees me sees him who sent me.
46 I have come into the world as light, so
that whoever believes in me may not
remain in darkness. **47** If anyone hears
my words and does not keep them, I do
not judge him; for I did not come to judge
the world but to save the world.

48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. **49** For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. **50** And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

It is not shocking that God saves some and not all. It is shocking that God saves any (vv. 36-40).

God's unseen sovereign work and
man's moral responsibility do fit
together seamlessly somehow (vv. 36-
40)

The heart of the difference between
believers and those who reject Christ:
GLORY (vv. 41-43).

God will be glorified whether by grace
in salvation or by justice in judgment,

BUT

in both, the offer of grace and salvation
is to be extended.

Sin is tragic with the devastating consequences, the most devastating being the Messiah crucified and unbelievers being separated from God forever.