

# The Doctrine of Sin

## Various Scriptures

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned.” -Romans 5:12

**In your opinion, what are some of the most common misunderstandings Christians have about sin?**

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\*Sin's consequences can be \_\_\_\_\_.

\*Sin is a person's \_\_\_\_\_.

## What is Sin?

Actions by which humans rebel against God, miss His purpose for the life, and surrender to the power of evil rather than to God.

**Chata:** Hebrew word for sin, fail, forfeit, endanger, seduce, make guilty, miss the way.

**Harmartia:** Greek word for sin, to miss, one who keeps missing the mark in his relationship to God.

## Other words in the Bible that describe sin....

- Trespass/Transgress: (Proverbs 28:13; Matthew 6:12) A description of one who steps across the \_\_\_\_\_. The person who steps across God's standard of righteousness has committed a trespass or transgression.
- Lawless/Iniquity: (1 John 3:4; Isaiah 59:2) A general description of sinful acts referring to almost any **action** in **opposition** to God's standard of righteousness.
- Evil/Wickedness: (Proverbs 8:13; Genesis 6:5) Those who knowingly practice sin despite having the Word of God are considered evil and wicked.
- Uncleaness/Impurity: (Ezekiel 39:24; Ephesians 5:3) These terms are used to describe vicious acts of sexual sins such as fornication, adultery and homosexuality
- Unbelief: (Hebrews 3:12,19) This describes those who refused to accept the truth of God by faith.
- Lust: (1 John 2:15-17) This describes those who hold on to evil desires more than the will of God.

## Where did sin originate?

Who would you say is responsible for sin being in our world today? Satan, Adam or Eve? How do we explain this?

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\*Genesis 3:1-6

\*1 Timothy 2:14

\*Romans 5:12,17

\_\_\_\_\_ introduced sin when he deceived \_\_\_\_\_. Ultimately \_\_\_\_\_ rebelled against God when \_\_\_\_\_ ate the fruit. Therefore sin's origin is found in humanity's rebellious nature.

## Sin in the Old Testament:

Disobedience to the Law: Exodus 20:1-17; Leviticus; Deuteronomy 5-6

God established the law as a \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness. This means any violation of this standard is defined as sin. Deuteronomy 6:24-25

Breach of the Covenant: Noah & Creation Genesis 6:18; Abraham Genesis 12:1-3, 15, 17, 22; Moses Exodus 19:5-6; David 2 Samuel 23:5, Psalm 89:3,30-32

### What did God promise to Noah and all of creation?

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### What did God promise to Abraham?

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\*A great \_\_\_\_\_

\*Bless all \_\_\_\_\_ through him and his seed

### What did God promise Moses and Israel?

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\*Holy \_\_\_\_\_

\*Blessings

### What did God promise David and Israel?

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\*A great name

\*Defeat their enemies

\*To be their \_\_\_\_\_

\*Punishment for disobedience

\*Seed will come from his lineage

**How did the nation of Israel respond to God's covenant with Him? How did God respond?**

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Judges 2:2,20

**What does God promise in His new covenant?**

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\*Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Jesus Hebrews 8:6

\*All of God's covenants are realized in and through

## **Sin in the New Testament**

Jesus Christ is the standard and His life models what perfection looks like in the eyes of our Heavenly Father. Throughout Jesus' earthly ministry, He taught that sin is a condition of the \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 15:18-20

Notice what comes from the heart:

\*Evil \_\_\_\_\_

\*Murders

\*Adulteries

\*Sexual \_\_\_\_\_

\*Thefts

\*False testimonies

\*Slander

**What are two ways we can guard our hearts and protect it from these things?**

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Jeremiah 17:9

**Other expressions of sin include:**

Lack of \_\_\_\_\_. 1 John 2:19

Lack of \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 13:58

Lack of \_\_\_\_\_. James 4:17

## What are the consequences of sin?

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Out of all the problems in the world, **sin** is the most serious of humanity's problems.

Sin creates **estrangement** other people and God; Colossians 1:21

Sin causes spiritual **blindness**; 2 Corinthians 4:4

Sin promotes spiritual **depravity**; Romans 1:28

Sin produces moral **ineptitude**

Sin **blurs** the distinction between right and wrong; Isaiah 5:20

Sin causes **guilt** and **shame**;

Sin brings spiritual **death** and **eternal separation**; Revelation 20:14

## What or who is our only solution to our sin problem?

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\*Romans 6:23

\*1 John 2:2

Only by trusting in the sacrificial death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ are we saved from the penalty of sin.

**“Sin doesn’t always look sinful to us; sometimes it looks beautiful. That’s why we need grace to see sin for what it really is - dark, dangerous, enslaving and destructive.”**