

The Doctrine of Sin: (11/15/17pm)

(Rom 3:23) *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

What is Sin?

Its a Noun:

The voluntary departure of a moral agent from a known rule of rectitude or duty, prescribed by God;

Any voluntary transgression of the divine law, or violation of a divine command;

A wicked act; iniquity.

Its a Verb:

A volitional act in which a known divine law is violated, or it is the voluntary neglect to obey a positive divine command, or a rule of duty clearly implied in such command.

Sin is described as...

(1) **Transgression**, an overstepping of the law, the divine boundary between good and evil (Ps 51:1; Rom 2:23)

(2) **Iniquity**, an act inherently wrong, whether expressly forbidden or not (Rom 1:21-23)

(3) **Error**, a departure from right (Rom 1:18; 1 John 3:4)

(4) **Missing the Mark**, a failure to meet the divine standard (Rom 3:23)

(5) **Trespass**, the intrusion of self-will into the sphere of divine authority (Eph 2:1)

(6) **Lawlessness**, or Spiritual Anarchy (1 Tim 1:9)

(7) **Unbelief**, or an insult to the divine veracity (John 16:9).

Sin

(1) **Originated** with Satan: (Isa 14:12 - 14)

(2) **Entered** the world through Adam: (Rom 5:12)

(3) **Was, & Is, Universal**, Christ is the only exception: (Rom 3:23; 1 Pet 2:22)

(4) **Has a Price**: incurs the penalties of spiritual and physical death: (Gen 2:17; 3:19; Ezek 18:4,20; Rom 6:23)

(5) **Has no remedy**: other than the sacrificial death of Christ (Acts 4:12; Heb 9:26) made available by faith (Acts 13:38 - 39)

Sin may be summarized as threefold:

(1) **An act**, the violation of, or Lack of obedience to, the revealed will of God;

(1 John 3:4) *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*

(James 4:17) *Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.*

(2) **A State**, absence of righteousness;

(Mat 12:33) *Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.*

(Mat 15:19) *For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:*

(John 3:19) *And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

(Matt 5:21-22; 27-28) Sin may be found in thought only!

We are sinners, not just because of what we do, we are sinners because of what we are!

(3) **A Nature**, enmity toward God.

(Rom 8:7) Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

SIN IS NOT A DISEASE:

Selfishness=Idolatry

(1 Sam 15:23a) *For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.*

(1) **Self-Will instead of Submission:** *Illus: We all do what we want to do!*

(Prov 21:4) *An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin. We Live Like We Want!*

(Eph 4:17) *This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, We Play God when We live like we want*

(Isa 42:8) *I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.*

Even if that Graven Image is our own Pride!

(2) **Self Seeking instead of Benevolence:**

(Prov 3:7) **We Play God when we think we know what's best for us!**

(Gal 5:19-21) *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like:*

(3) **Self-Righteousness** instead of humility & Righteousness
(Mark7:5-13) **We Play God when we make up our own rules**

(4) **Self-Sufficiency instead of Faith:**

(Rom 14:23) *And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*

This is what SIN Is:

(Eph 5:3-8) We should not be known for these things.

(2 Tim 2:19-22) Christians should Depart from Sin

(Eph 4:21-32) Put off the Old Man and Put on the New

(Rom 12:2) Don't be like the World, but be changed through the Word

(1 Tim 4:12-16) Be an Example of Godliness, not sin.

(Rom 8:29) The Goal is to be like Christ