

# WHAT IS SIN?

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## DID JESUS COME TO SAVE US IN SIN OR FROM SIN?

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for *he shall save his people from their sins*. *Matthew 1:21*

## WHAT DOES SIN DO TO A PERSON?

Behold, the **LORD'S** hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

But your iniquities have *separated between you and your God*, and your sins have hid his face from you, that *he will not hear*. *Isaiah 59:1, 2*

## WHAT DOES HE WANT US TO DO?

*Come now, and let us reason together*, saith the **LORD**: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. *Isaiah 1:18*

## WHAT IS THE END RESULT OF SIN?

For the wages of sin is *death*; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Romans 6:23*

## WHAT TWO CHOICES DO WE HAVE?

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of *sin* unto death, or of *obedience* unto righteousness?

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. *Romans 6:16-18*

## WHAT IS SIN?

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

## WHAT IS THE RESULT OF WILLFULLY DISOBEYING GOD?

For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, *there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins*,

*But* a certain fearful looking for of *judgment and fiery indignation*, which shall devour the adversaries. *Hebrews 10:26, 27*

**NOTE:** To willfully reject the known will of God is to reject the sacrificial death of Jesus and stand condemned before the throne of God.

## HOW DOES THE BIBLE DEFINE SIN?

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

**NOTE:** The Bible defines sin as our willful choice to exercise our fallen nature in opposition to the revealed will of God.

### **IS THERE GUILT APART FROM A KNOWLEDGE OF SIN?**

*If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin....*

*If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. John 15:22, 24*

### **WHAT BRINGS THE GUILT OF SIN?**

Jesus said unto them, *If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth. John 9:41*

**NOTE:** The Bible clearly teaches that none will ever be condemned for not following truth they had never received.

### **WHAT TYPES OF SIN DOES GOD NOT CONDEMN ONE FOR?**

And the times of this *ignorance* God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Acts 17:30

### **IS TEMPTATION SIN?**

But every *man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.*

Then *when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. James 1:14, 15*

**NOTE:** Temptation itself is not sin, but rather it is yielding to our own perverse desires in rebellion to the revealed will of God.

### **JESUS WAS TEMPTED AS WE, BUT WAS HE GUILTY OF SIN?**

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but *was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15*

### **IS IT INEVITABLE THAT WE SUCCUMB TO TEMPTATION?**

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but *God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Corinthians 10:13*

### **WHERE IS OUR POWER FOR OVERCOMING TEMPTATION?**

Let us therefore come boldly unto *the throne of grace*, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:16*