What is “Sin? A Close Look at the Subject.

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Read Genesis 3:1-10 Why were Adam and Eve expelled from the Garden of Eden? Sin, disobedience to God. They were told not to do something, but they listened to the voice of the enemy and did it **anyway**.

\*Adam heard the voice of God calling out to him. What happened?

1. Sin (their act of disobedience) was exposed.
2. They became fearful.
3. Then they acted out a typical human response. They tried to hide.

What is sin?

Bible Hub offers this answer:  Sin comes from the Greek word, hamartia (Pronounced ham-mar-tee-ah)  
Meaning: to miss the mark; hence: (a) guilt, sin, (b) a fault, failure (in an ethical sense), sinful deed.

\*The end result, is that when one sins, they forfeit receiving and sharing in the reward. This missed prize is the missing out on an eternity in heaven with Jesus. But on the other hand, when one lives in obedience to God, they will ultimately have heaven to look forward to. We need to take seriously this thought. God wants us to know that we can live without committing sin, every single day.

\*Jesus Christ, God manifest in flesh, lived a sinless life (I Tim. 3:16). When we are born again, we can live sin free lives. When we are filled with His Spirit and follow the leading of the Spirit of God, we can live free from sin every single day.

1. Read James 4:17 (written to born again folks) To know to do good, and not do it, to him it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Read Romans 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life.
3. Read Romans 8:1-17 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and death.
4. Read Acts 2:36-41 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (v. 38) (Remission means forgiveness, having one’s slate washed clean).
5. Read Acts Act 22:11-16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and **wash** **away** **thy** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, calling on the name of the Lord. DON’T WAIT, DON’T PROCRASTINATE! Until we do, we are still in our sinful state!
6. Repentance means to have a continual reliance upon God. We must rely on Him; to stay humble, to hear his voice, and to obey Him. Doing this is crucial to helping us to not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. Read 1 John 1:8-10 If we say that we have no **sin**, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves, and the truth is **not** in us. If we say that we have \_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **sin**ned, we make him a liar, and his word is **not** in us.
8. Read 1 John 1:1-2 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **not**. And if any man **sin**, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he (Jesus Christ) is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (atonement/reconciliation) for our **sin**s: and **not** for ours only, but also for the **sin**s of the whole world.
9. Read 1 John 4:10 Herein is love, **not** that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for our **sin**s.

\*Jesus Christ is the avenue by which mankind can have his relationship restored with God. He became the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He was the flesh of God that came to bring a reconciliation of mankind to Himself. Sin broke the intimate relationship, but He seeks those who will say no the flesh and the world and say yes to an eternal covenant relationship with Him. The choice is up to us.

1. Read 1 John 1:36 Whosoever \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in him **sin**neth **not**: whosoever **sin**neth hath **not** seen him, neither known him.
2. Read 1 John 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** commit **sin**; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot **sin**, because he is born of God.
3. Read 1 John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son (God manifest in the flesh) to be the propitiation for our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Read 1 John 5:17a. All unrighteousness is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;**
5. 1 John 5:18 We know that whosoever is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God **sin**neth **not**; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him **not**.
   1. \*Just as Abraham and Isaac found that God would supply a lamb for the sacrifice, Jesus Christ became the atonement for our sins. (See Leviticus 16 and Romans 5)
   2. \*In the Old Testament, it was the mercy seat in the tabernacle, where the priest would interact with God on an intimate level. This culminated in what would bring about forgiveness, into the lives of those who were seeking atonement. (Ex. 25:22)
6. Read Lamentations 3:22-23 It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

Living a life purposed to get as close to Jesus as possible will be the motivation to please Him. Learning to hear His voice and having a heart that is seeking to obey that still “small” voice is essential if we are to live a holy life.

\*Let’s pray out loud. Thank you, Jesus, for being merciful to me, a sinner. Please forgive me for all my sins. I want to become adopted into the family of God. Help me to take on the name of Jesus Christ, in water baptism. I want to receive Biblical salvation and be grafted into your vine by being born again. Jesus, You are the vine. Help me to abide in you so that I can be a branch that brings forth much fruit. Without you, I can do nothing. I am nothing unless I surrender to You. Help me to trust you. You are everything that matters. You are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, temperance and goodness. I want you in my life. I need you in my life. I give you me Jesus.