

What Is Sin?

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“I would esteem above every other gift
that could be bestowed upon me as a
preacher the power to adequately
conceive what sin is and to adequately
set it before the people”

J.W McGarvy

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“But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith: for whatever is not from faith is Sin”

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Faith = Confidence of the individual
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- Our Conscience is our “moral Compass”
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“Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, “Men *and* brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.”

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“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron....”

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 - On it's own, it can be dulled

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2. Knowing to do good, but not doing it

- James 4:17 “Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.”
- Galatians 6:10 - “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

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3. Violation / Breaking of God's Law

- 1 Jn. 3:4 – Whoever commits sin commits lawlessness

A. There is law and if we break it, we sin

- a. Eph. 4:25 – Do not lie
- b. Heb. 10:25 – Do not forsake
Assembly
- c. Acts 2:38 – Repent and be Baptized
- d. 2 Tim. 2:2 – Teach others so they can,
in turn teach others

Bible Defines Sin

2. Sin is a personal refusal to be governed by God
3. Sin is a failure to keep God's commands
4. Sin is Iniquity (perverse) toward God
5. Sin is a transgression (rebellion) against God

What are we to do about Sin?

1. Recognize it

- Must know Gods Word to recognize it

2. Confess it

- We must admit we have a problem with it

3. Repent of it

- We must remove it from our heart

4. Flee From it

- Stay far away from it – the closer we get, failure is likely

What are we to do about Sin?

1. Warn others of the consequences of it
 - We must Evangelize
2. Help each other overcome it
 - We must discuss it with brethren and support each other
3. Withdraw from those who continue in it
 - We must have a change in relationship

ALL IN LOVE & WITH
PROPER ATTITUDE

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Spiritual death

He won't hear us

Separation from God

We can't go where Jesus is

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What IS Sin?

- All religious organizations would be in agreement
 - Sin is bad and should be dealt with
 - Denominations differ on sinful vs. acceptable
 - Don't like what one church teaches – find one you do
- What about the Lord's church?
 - Fellowship vs. Opinion
 - Impact of Sin on the body of Christ must be dealt with

GOD'S WORD
HAS NOT CHANGED!

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What has changed?

- Respect for the holy word of God
 - Heb 4:12

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- For the word of God is **ALIVE** and **ACTIVE**. Sharper than any double edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow: it **JUDGES** the **THOUGHTS** and **ATTITUDES** of the **HEART**

What has changed?

- Respect for the holy word of God
- Comfort in my relationship with God
 - Christians should be confident in their salvation
 - I Jn 2:3-6

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“And by this we **KNOW** that we have come to know Him, **IF** we keep His commandments. The one who says “I have come to know Him” and **DOES NOT** keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in Him; but whoever **KEEPS** His word, in Him the Love of God has **TRULY** be perfected. By this we **KNOW** that we are **IN HIM.**”

What has changed?

- Respect for the holy word of God
- Comfort in my relationship with God
- Tolerance of sin around us
 - Col. 3:13 – Bear with one another & forgive each other
 - 2 Pet. 3:9 – “God is patient with us not wishing anyone to perish but all would come to repentance.”

God is patient but NEVER tolerates sin

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 - Israel wanted the same thing
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Philippians 2:15

“That you be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights to the world.”

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 - But... We want to be as close to the world as possible
 - Moderation
 - Definitions vary drastically

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So, what has REALLY changed?

US

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1 Peter 2:1-15

- Lay aside ALL sin (1)
- DESIRE the word so we can grow (2)
- We are Living stones becoming a spiritual house (5)
- Holy Priesthood who offer acceptable sacrifices (5)
- Chosen generation, royal priesthood, His own special people (9)
- Abstain from fleshly lust (11)
- Honorable conduct before others & do good works (12)
- This is will of God & will silence ignorance of fools