

This Biblical teaching about sin is important because a correct understanding of sin leads to a correct understanding of salvation.

**Sin** – The failure to conform to God’s law (or word) and therefore violating His holiness.

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

**There are many wrong views of sin:** Matter or material is sinful; Sin is just a step in the evolutionary process and will bring about good someday; Sin is not a big deal; Sin is a weakness or a disease – mankind can’t help themselves any way; Sin is just a figment of imagination, there’s really no such thing as sin; Sin is an accident therefore man is not culpable. Sin is an evil spirit and the Devil made me do it. NONE of these are Biblically correct and all of these are an excuse so that man can avoid Divine judgment for sin (Ecc. 11:9b – “**...but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.**”)

**Romans 3:10** “As it is written, *There is none righteous, no, not one:*”

**Romans 3:23** “*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*”

**Romans 5:12** “*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*”

**Romans 3:20** “*Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*” – You can know how bad a sinner you are by the law (the Word of God).

No age limits to being a sinner: Children (Ps. 51:5; Ps. 58:3; Pro. 20:11); Adults (Gen. 6:12; Ps. 14:3; 53:2,3; Isa. 53:6).

**Biblical terms for sin:** **Sin** (to miss the mark); **Transgression** (to go beyond or exceed the limit); **Iniquity** (Gen. 15:16; perversity or evil); **Rebellion** (Deut. 31:27); **Treachery** (Hosea 6:7); **Disobedience** (Jer. 3:25); **Indebtedness** (Matt. 6:12); **Unbelief** (Jn. 16:9); **Wickedness** (1 Jn. 5:19); **Ungodliness** (Rom. 1:19); **Offenses** (Rom. 4:25); **Unrighteousness** (Rom. 6:13); **Faults** (Gal. 6:1); **Unlawfulness** (2 Pet. 2:8).

Sin began in the heart of Lucifer (Isa. 14:12-17) – He desired deification. He had PRIDE!

Sin affected the Heavens (Eph. 6:2); earth (Rom. 8:22); man’s lifespan (Ps. 90:9, 10); man’s mind (Rom. 1:21-23); man’s moral nature: extensively depraved (Jer. 17:9; Rom. 7:8 “concupiscence” – a lusting for things that are not right).

**Romans 6:23** “*For the wages of sin is death;*” – Death is separation: Physical death is the spirit separates from the body. Spiritual death is the soul is separated from God.

**Matthew 25:6** “*...everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.*”

**2 Thessalonians 1:9** “*Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;*”

**1 Timothy 6:9** “*...fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.*”

**Hebrews 6:2b** “*...and of eternal judgment.*”