

Heritage OPC: Sunday School

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q 24. *What is sin?*

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, any law of God, given as a rule to the reasonable creature.^a

- a. Lev 5:17, Jam 4:17, 1 Jn 3:4, see Gal 3:10,12

Conformity

1. Conformity is of the heart
 - a. Ps 51:10
 - b. Matt 6:19-21
 - c. 1 Sam 16:7
2. Two types of people
 - a. Enslaved to sin - Isa 64:6
 - b. Set free from sin – Eph 2:10
 - c. Rom 7:21-25

Transgression

1. Categories of sin
 - a. Sins of omission – Jam 4:17
 - b. Sins of commission
2. Sin = Lawlessness
 - a. 1 John 3:4
 - b. 2 Pet 2:7-8
 - c. 2 Thess 2:8-9
 - d. Tit 2:13-14
3. The Direction of Sin
 - a. Ps 51:3-4
 - b. Every sin is against God

“Any” vs “The” Law of God

1. Civil, Ceremonial, and Moral law
2. WCF 19.3, 19.4, 19.5

Reasonable Creature

1. Created being
2. Reasonable
3. Judges 21:35

Miscellaneous

1. Sin is dangerous
2. Christian phrases – “love people, hate sin”
 - a. Ps 11:5
 - b. Prov 8:13
 - c. Ps 97:10