

one GOD. one gospel.

there is only one God so there can be only one gospel

sin...

Men tell us in these days that sin is what you think it is. Well, it is not. Sin is what God thinks it is. You may think according to your own conscience. God thinks according to His. –John G. Lake

Sin is primarily an offense against God. It is anything that is contrary to His law. It is doing what is wrong (commission), as well as not doing what is right (omission). Sin is also referred to as lawlessness and unrighteousness.

The word sin in Hebrew is [chattath], from the root [chatta], and in Greek it is [hamartia]. Both these words mean 'to miss the mark.' They are words which illustrate that something is off target.

With relationship to God's laws, they mean that one has failed to meet the standard (missed the mark) set by God for us. **God's mark or standard is His law.** Thus sin is the transgression of any of the laws of God. It is man not holding to the standards which are set by God. It is anything which causes us to be opposed to, or **adversarial against God.** All of God's instructions are His laws, and transgression against any of them (whether in thought or deed) are sins against God. ¹

The source of sin doesn't come from outside of us but from within us. We are drawn away by our own desires (the Greek means to be lured into a trap). Sin is not a single act but a process that begins in our heart.

Sin is ignoring God's law...living as if there was no law of God. In other words **calling our own shots.**

Does God take sin seriously? Absolutely...**He hates sin.** God has declared that the consequences of sin is death and unforgiven sin will eternally separate us from Him and we will be subject to His wrath.

But why does God take sin so seriously?...because **He is Holy.** It is because of our **fallen nature** that we take sin so lightly. We do not really comprehend the true Holiness of God. If we could clearly see how sacred, pure and righteous God is, then we would understand how dreadful, awful and appalling our sin is to Him. God hates sin because it is contrary to His first and great commandment to love the Lord God with all our heart, soul, and mind. Sin wars against the divine purpose and will of God. This inherently destroys that which is pure, good and virtuous (that which God has pleasure in), and replaces it with that which pollutes, is wicked, and immoral (that which God has no pleasure in). ¹

All these things should make us humbly consider just what is our attitude toward sin? Do we look at it honestly for how terrible it is in God's sight and strive to turn away from it (repent), or do we rationalize our sin away as being 'not so bad,' thinking that God will just wink at it? Knowing what sin is, how it is contrary to God's nature and an affront to His will let us then determine to humble ourselves before our Holy God and walk in **repentance, obedience, reverence and love** for Him. ¹

Verses to study...

The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying:

³ “You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image

⁷ “You shall not take the name of the LORD your

God in vain.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother

- ¹³ “You shall not murder.
¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.
¹⁵ “You shall not steal.
¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Sin includes...but is not limited to...lawlessness, unrighteousness, blasphemy, heresies, idolatry, unbelief, sorcery, cowardness, pride, proud looks, selfishness, ambitions, envy, jealousies, foolishness, foolish talking, coarse jesting, contentions, dissensions, sowing discord, drunkenness, revelries, hatred, outbursts of wrath, an evil eye, evil thoughts, evil desire, covetousness, wicked plans, wickedness, running to evil, extortion, theft, false witness, lying, deceit, passion, lewdness, uncleanness, filthiness, adulteries, fornications, sexual immorality, homosexuality, sodomy, shedding of innocent blood, murder.

1 John 3:4; 1 John 5:17; Romans 6:23 ; Romans 3:22-23 ; 1 John 1:8,10 ; James 1:13-15 ; Matthew 18:8-9 ; James 2:10; James 4:17 ; Proverbs 6:16-19 ; Mark 7:21-23 ; Colossians 3:5-7 ; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 ; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:3-7 ; Revelation 21:8

For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. James 2:10

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us...If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 1 John 1:8,10

For there is no difference; for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:22-23

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and **sin**, when it is full-grown, **brings forth death**. James 1:13-15

If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire. Matthew 18:8-9

Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin. James 4:17

These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A **proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren**. Proverbs 6:16-19

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed **evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness**. All these evil things come from within and defile a man.” Mark 7:21-23

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: **fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry**. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. Colossians 3:5-7

Do you not know that the **unrighteous** will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither **fornicators**, nor **idolaters**, nor **adulterers**, nor **homosexuals**, nor **sodomites**, nor **thieves**, nor **covetous**, nor **drunkards**, nor **revilers**, nor **extortioners** will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: **adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like**; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that **those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God**. Galatians 5:19-21

But fornication and all **uncleanness or covetousness**, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither **filthiness**, nor **foolish talking**, nor **coarse jesting**, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no **fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man**, who is an **idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God**. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore **do not be partakers** with them. Ephesians 5:3-7

But the **cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars** shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” Revelation 21:8

Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will of My Father** in heaven. Matthew 7:21

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