

The Bible's Position on Sin

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I. Adam and all who were in him are sinners by Adam's original sin

A. The original sin

Gen 3:6 ..she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

B. The doctrine of 'Original Sin'

Rom 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:

Rom 5:18 ...by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation...

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners...

II. All who came from Adam are sinners by their very nature

A. A person does not become a sinner, when he commits his first sin

B. A person commits sin, because he is a sinner by nature

C. Adam's fallen nature was passed on to his offspring

Gen 5:3 And Adam...begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image...

Job 14:4 Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? not one.

D. From conception, at birth, and as children—All people are judged to be sinners

Psa 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Psa 58:3 ...they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

Gen 8:21 ...for the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth...

E. We were all children of wrath by our very nature

Eph 2:3 ...and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

III. Sinners by practice

A. All are sinners

Rom 3:10 ...There is none righteous, no, not one:

Rom 3:12 ...there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

B. Sins of the tongue

Jas 3:8 But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

1. Whisperers—Backbiters—Slanderers—Talebearers—Etc.

2. Foolish talk and jesting

Eph 5:4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting...but rather giving of thanks

3. Corrupt communications

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

4. Idle words

Mat 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

C. Sins of the heart—Deceitfulness—Lust

Jer 17:9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Mat 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

D. Sins of the mind—Anger—Covetousness

Mat 5:22 ...whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment...

Exo 20:17 Thou shalt not covet...

E. Sins of omission

Jas 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

Mat 25:45 ...Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me.

Mat 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment...

F. Jesus' standard

Luk 6:27 ...Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

G. All are judged to be sinners

1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us...

1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar...

H. 'Little sinners' are as guilty as 'big sinners'

Jas 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

I. A man never ceases to be a sinner

Rom 7:19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

J. All are guilty

Rom 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Rom 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.

IV. Man is antagonistic and hostile toward recovering himself by his own will

A. An unborn again natural man has no will to come to God (He has no 'want to')

Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

1. An unborn again natural man is a hater of God

Rom 1:30 ...haters of God...

2. An unborn again natural mind thinks of God as an enemy

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God...

3. An unborn again natural man has no fear of God

Rom 3:18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

4. An unborn natural man will not seek the God that he does not think about

Psa 10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God*: God is not in all his thoughts.

5. Things of the spiritual realm seem foolish to an unborn again natural man

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him...

B. What would motivate a man who thinks like this to come to God?

Rom 9:16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

V. Man is impotent to recover himself by his own ability

A. Unborn again natural man has no ability to come to God (He has no ‘can do’)

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...

1. An unborn again natural man cannot know spiritual things

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God...neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

2. An unborn again natural man cannot understand

Rom 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

3. An unborn again natural man cannot hear

Joh 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

4. An unborn again natural man cannot see

Joh 3:3 ...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

5. An unborn again natural man cannot enter

Joh 3:5 ...Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6. An unborn again natural man cannot believe

Joh 10:26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep...

Joh 12:39 Therefore they could not believe...

7. An unborn again natural man cannot please God

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*...

8. An unborn again natural man cannot cease from sin

2Pe 2:14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin...

9. An unborn again natural man cannot be subject to God

Rom 8:7 ...the carnal mind...is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

10. An unborn again natural man cannot be converted

Joh 12:40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with *their* eyes, nor understand with *their* heart, and be converted...

11. An unborn again natural ‘cannot’ cannot become a spiritual ‘can’

Jer 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then* may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

B. How can an unborn again natural man (with all these ‘cannots’) come to God?

VI. New Testament analogies of how men get spiritual life eliminate man helping

A. The Bible likens regeneration to a birth

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth...so is every one that is born of the Spirit

—Can a man cause his own birth? —What did you do before you were you?

B. The Bible likens regeneration to a resurrection from the dead

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Joh 5:25 ...The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

—Can the dead raise himself? —How dead is dead?

C. The Bible likens regeneration to a new creation

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature...

—Can the uncreated create himself? —Did Adam help God create Adam?