



WHAT IS SIN

Introduction: In an age when the world looks lightly upon sin and that which is contrary to the character of God, it is incumbent upon the people of God to clearly articulate what they believe holiness is. The people of God are called upon to be “holy” (1 Peter 1:16). The problem that immediately faces the believer is that they have “fallen short,” and they require the Spirit of God to perform that which pleases God (Galatians 5:16).

Article # 6 of Berean’s Articles of Faith: We believe that man was originally created in the image and after the likeness of God; that he fell through **sin**; that he, as a consequence of his **sin**, lost his spiritual life, becoming dead in trespasses and sins, and that he became subject to the power of the devil. We also believe that this spiritual death, or total depravity of human nature, has been transmitted to the entire human race of man, the Man Christ Jesus alone being excepted; and, hence, that every child of Adam is born into the world with a nature which not only possesses no spark of divine life, but is essentially corrupt in body, mind, and soul. (Gen. 1:26; 2:17; 6:5; Ps. 14:1-3; 51:5; Jer. 17:9; John 3:6; 5:40; 6:53; Rom. 3:10-19; 8:6,7; Eph. 2:1-3; I Tim. 5:6; I John 3:8)

SIN’S DEFINITION

- A. Sin is t_____ God’s Law (1 John 3:4).
- B. Sin is any u_____ (1 John 5:17).
- C. Sin is anything done apart from f_____ (Romans 14:23).



JESUS’ VICTORY OVER SIN

Jesus was t_____ in three areas (1 John 2:15-17), yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15).

Adam and Eve were not so successful.

- A. “The lust of the flesh: Eve was tempted in this point when she saw that the tree of knowledge was good and evil was “_____ d_____” (Genesis 3:6).
- B. “The lust of the eyes”: Eve was also t_____ here when she saw the f_____ was “pleasant to the eyes.”
- C. “The p_____ of life”: Eve fell to the temptation that the fruit of the tree was “to be desired to make one w_____.”



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GOD'S VIEW OF OUR SIN

- A. Your sin was judged by G_____ at Calvary (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- B. If you continue in sin, God will c_____ you as a father does his son (Hebrews 12:5-11).
- C. God will allow you to reap according to what you have s_____ (Galatians 6:7-8).

THE BELIEVER'S VICTORY OVER SIN

A. Your sin is your own fault. You must a_____ responsibility for your sin. You will never correct anything until you accept responsibility (Proverbs 28:13).



- B. Do not allow sinful thoughts to control your m_____ (2 Corinthians 10:5).
- C. Do not make provisions for the f_____ (Romans 13:14).
- D. Realize that you are dead to sin in Jesus Christ. Dead men cannot s_____ (Romans 6:6-13; Colossians 3:1-10).

E. J_____ your sin. Agree with God that it is sin (1 Corinthians 2:15).

F. C_____ your sins to God (1 John 1:9).

G. Seek God's h_____ in times of battle against sin (Hebrews 4:15-16).

- God has made a way of escape from temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13).
- That way of escape is the W_____ of G_____ (Psalms 119:9-11).
- Jesus Christ overcame His temptation by quoting Scripture (Matthew 4:1-11).
- Have f_____ in God to overcome sin (1 John 5:4).

H. Have a healthy f_____ of God (2 Corinthians 7:1).

I. Walk in the power of the H_____ Spirit (Galatians 5:16-25; Romans 8:1-8).



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KEEPING ONESELF FROM OPPORTUNITY TO SIN

A. Do not involve yourself with sinful activities. Of course, you must associate with unsaved people in order to win them, but do not f_____ with them in their sin (Ephesians 5:5-12).

B. Separate yourself from the ways of the w_____ and follow the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 6:14-18; James 4:4).

C. Realize that “separation” is also a positive thing. Not only are you to be separate from the world, but you are to separate yourself unto the G_____ (Romans 1:1).



Conclusion: In many churches today, some popular teachings are that there are “big sins” and “little sins.” They also teach that you have to sin because someone else forces you to do so. Some churches even teach that our sins can be forgiven by other men if we confess our sins to them. Sadly, some people feel that if we sin badly enough, we can lose our salvation. We are not so moved. We know that God seals those whom He saves (Ephesians 4:30). In this same verse, however, we understand that God is grieved with the sins of His children.