

For Sin, To Sin, In Sin

The Three Crosses

Definition: Sin

1Jn 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresses also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law.** (*Emp. Added*)

- Sin is a violation of what law? The law of sin and death; you sin you die. Opposite the law of sin and death is the law of the Spirit of life.

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are **in** Christ Jesus, **who walk not after the flesh** (*Not only do we have to be in Christ, we have to continue to behave ourselves like we are in Him.*), but after the Spirit. 2 For the **law of the Spirit of life in** Christ Jesus (*Gal 3:27*) hath made me free from **the law of sin and death***. 3 For what the law (*of Moses*) could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh (*Gk.4561-human nature*), God sending His own Son in the **likeness** of sinful flesh, and **for sin**, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That **the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (*Emp. Added*)

*1Jn 3:9 Whosoever is born of God **doth not** commit sin; for His (*God's*) seed (*the word of God- Lk 8:11*) remaineth in him: and he **cannot** sin, because he is born of God. (*Being able to sin or being willing to? All are able to jump off of a cliff but not all are willing to.*) (*Emp. Added*)

- The law of sin and death, which all are under, was regulated by the law of Moses to the Old Covenant Jew. So what was the righteousness of the Mosaic law? The “golden rule”.

Mat 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for **this is the law** and the prophets. (*Emp. Added*)

Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the **first** and **great commandment**. 39 And the **second** is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (*Emp. Added*)

- Jesus fulfilled the law and the prophecies of the Old Covenant.

Joh 1:45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found Him, of Whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

Luk 24:44 And He said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning Me.

- Having fulfilled the sacrificial requirement that the law demanded, perfect without blemish, Jesus' death brought about the end of the law of Moses.

Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh (*our human nature causes us to sin and thus to be separated from God*), hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 **Blotting out the handwriting of**

ordinances (*the Mosaic law*) that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross; (*Emp. Added*)

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 (*Gk.1922- discernment*) of sin (*Remember the very first law? It was to show Adam and Eve what tree not to eat of lest they die.*). 21 But now the righteousness of God without (*Gk.5565- apart from*) the law is manifested (*Gk.5319- obvious*), being witnessed (*Gk.3140- testified*) by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God *which* is by faith **of** Jesus Christ (*which **is** the Gospel which reveals the obvious righteous nature of God!*) unto all and upon all them that believe (*Gk.4100- have faith in Christ to save them*): for there is no difference: 23 For **all** (*Jew and Gentile alike*) have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by His grace (*Gk.5485- favor*) **through** the redemption (*Gk.629- full ransom*) that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a (*the*) propitiation (*Gk.2435- atoning victim*) through faith (*Gk.4102- assurance*) in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission (*Gk.3929- toleration**) of sins that are past, through the forbearance (*Gk.463- self-restraint*) of God; 26 To declare, *I say*, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just (*Gk.1342- equitable*), and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. (*Emp. Added*)

Job 37:16 Do you know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of Him Who is **perfect in knowledge, (God's righteousness demands punishment for sin but His self-restraint keeps Him from following through when He sees the blood of His Son covering our sin like the door posts and lintel of Exodus 12:23.) (Emp. Added)*

**Heb 8:12 because I will forgive their wickedness and I will no longer hold their sins against them." (God's Word)*

We are now under a new Law.

Joh 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye **love one another; as I have loved you**, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are My disciples, **if ye have** love one to another. (*Emp. Added*)

Gal 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and **so fulfil the law of Christ**. (*Emp. Added*)

_Jesus died "**for**" sin.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He hath put *Him* to grief: when Thou shalt make His soul an offering **for sin**, He shall see *His seed* (*Isa 55:11*), He shall prolong *His* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. (*Emp. Added*)

Heb 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more **conscience** of sins. 3 But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year. 4 For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. 5 Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not, but a body hast Thou prepared Me:

6 In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin Thou hast had no pleasure. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me,) to do Thy will, O God. 8 Above when He said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin Thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure *therein*; which are offered **by the law**; 9 Then said he, Lo, I come **to do Thy will** (*to die for the sins of the people*), O God. He **taketh away the first, that He may establish the second.** 10 **By the which will** we are sanctified **through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.** (*Emp. Added*)

Heb 2:17 Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto *His brethren (flesh and blood)*, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining to* God, to make reconciliation **for the sins** of the people. (*Emp. Added*)

Rom 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died **for the ungodly.** (*Emp. Added*)

Rom 5:8 But God commended (*Gk.4921- exhibited*) His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died **for us.** (*Emp. Added*)

Zec 13:1 **In that day** there shall be a fountain (*living waters – Jn 4:14*) opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem **for sin** and **for uncleanness.** (*Emp. Added*)

We are to die **“to”** sin.

Luk 23:32 And there were also two other, malefactors (*Gk.2557- criminal*), led with Him to be put to death. 33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

Mat 27:39 And they that passed by reviled Him, wagging their heads,

Mat 27:44 The thieves also, which were crucified with Him, cast the same in his teeth.

Luk 23:39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on Him, saying, If Thou be Christ, save Thyself and us. 40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. (*This thief, realizing his fate, acknowledged “the justice of his sentence” [Adam Clarke] and realized Who it was that he was next to, the Christ Himself.*) 42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom (*Thus signifying, via his repentance, his death “to” sin.*). 43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with Me in paradise.

- Jesus had the authority to forgive this man, baptized or not since this took place before the kingdom was established in which all need to be immersed for the forgiveness of sins to be added to it, because He is the Son of man.

Joh 5:27 And (God) hath given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of man. (*He became flesh thus giving Him this authority because of His obedience to fulfill the will of God.*)

Mat 9:5 For whether is easier, to say, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? 6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith He to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

- But now since Jesus is no longer here and the kingdom has been established, we are to follow the steps He has given to be added to it.

Act 2:47 ... And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Col 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, Who hath made us meet (*Gk.2427- to qualify*) to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and **hath translated us into the kingdom** of His dear Son (*the church*): 14 **In Whom** we have redemption **through His blood** (*on our "door posts and lintel", a.k.a., our hearts*), *even* the forgiveness (*Gk.859- pardon*) of sins: (*Emp. Added*)

- When we understand "good and evil" (*Gen 2:17*) we are no longer fit for Heaven. Since those past sins **were** committed, we all need to be pardoned, and since God "is perfect in knowledge" (*Job 37:16*) and will always know those iniquities were committed, He tolerates them through the system of obedience, the Gospel. Having then been added to the church, translated into the kingdom...

Rom 6:2 ...How shall we, that are **dead to sin**, live any longer therein? (*1 Jn 3:9*) (*Emp. Added*)

Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify (*Gk.2289- put to death*) **the deeds of the body** (*dying "to" sin*), ye shall live. (*Emp. Added*)

But most will die "**in**" sin.

Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and **many** there be which go in there at: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few** there be that find it. (*Emp. Added*)

Isa 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy (*Heb.3513- dull*), that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *His* face from you, that He will not hear.

Joh 8:20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as He taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on Him; for His hour was not yet come. 21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go My way, and ye shall seek Me, and shall die **in your sins**: whither I go, ye cannot come. 22 Then said the Jews, Will He kill Himself? Because He saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come. 23 And He said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die **in your sins**: **for** if ye **believe not** that I am *He (the prophesied Christ)*, ye shall die **in your sins**. (*Emp. Added*)

- If we don't believe Jesus is Who He said He is then we can't believe in the resurrection either because if Jesus isn't Who He said He is then He never raised Himself up from the dead. And if that's the case...

1Co 15:13 ... if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: 14 And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain. 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ: Whom He raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. 16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith *is* vain; ye are yet **in your sins**. (*Emp. Added*)

Day of redemption.

Zec 14:8 And it shall be **in that day** (*the day of Jesus' resurrection and defeat of Satan*), that living waters (*Jn 4:14*) shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former (*all the way back to the garden*) sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea (*all the way up until Jesus returns*): in summer and in winter shall it be (*365/24/7*). (*Emp. Added*)

- Only One could die **"for"** sin. All can die **"to"** sin but most will die **"in"** sin. Which cross will you take up?

Luk 9:23 And He said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after Me, let him **deny himself**, and **take up his cross** daily, and follow me (*die "to" sin every day*). 24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will **lose his life for My sake** (*die "to" sin*), the same shall save it. 25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? (*Emp. Added*)

1Co 15:31 Every day do I die, by the glorying of you that I have in Christ Jesus our Lord:

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack (*Gk.1019- delaying*) concerning His promise (*of Jesus' second and thus His last coming*), as some men count slackness (*Gk.1022- lateness*); but is **longsuffering** (*Gk.3114- [very] patient*) to us-ward, **not willing that any** should perish, but that **all** should come to repentance. (*Emp. Added*)

Have you heard?

Romans 10:14 ..."how shall they believe in Him **Whom they have not heard?**" (*Emp. Added*)

Do you believe?

Heb 11:6 ..."for he that commeth to God **must believe that He is...**" (*Emp. Added*)

Have you repented?

Act 3:19 ..."**Repent** ... be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..." (*Emp. Added*)

Have you lived in such a way as to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God?

Mat 10:32 "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father Who is in Heaven."

Have your sins been washed away?

1 Pet 3:21 "...baptism doth **also** now save us..." (*Emp. Added*)

If you've done all these things, have you remained faithful?

Romans 6:4 "...we also should walk in newness of life."

Only Jesus died **"for"** sin; **everyone** may but few will die **"to"** sin; but **most** will die **"in"** sin.

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