

What is Sin?

- Sin is selfishness...

Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* **good for food** (*lust of the flesh*), and that it *was* **pleasant to the eyes** (*lust of the eyes*), and a tree to be **desired to make one wise** (*pride of life*), she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. (*Emp. Added*)

1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (*Emp. Added*)

- ...not self-less-ness!

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.

(Joh 14:15 If ye love Me, keep My commandments. [Neither Adam nor Eve loved God because of their disobedience to Him.])

Mat 22:39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love **thy neighbour as thyself**. (*They didn't love each other because they weren't considering the consequences that each would suffer.*) (*Emp. Added*)

*(Gen 3:16 Unto the woman He said, I will **greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children**; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and **he shall rule over thee**. 17 And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow** shalt thou eat of it **all the days of thy life**; 18 **Thorns also and thistles** shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 **In the sweat of thy face** shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.)* (*Emp. Added*)

Mat 22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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. (*Emp. Added*)

Luk 14:25 And there went great multitudes with Him: and He turned, and said unto them, 26 If any *man* come to Me, and hate (*Gk.3404-to love less*) not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple.

Luk 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that **forsaketh** (*Gk.657-literally to say adieu, figuratively to renounce*) **not all** that he hath, he cannot be My disciple. (*If we can't, in a moment's notice, walk away from all our possessions and family, to follow Christ, we are not worthy of Him.*) (*Emp. Added*)

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

- Sin is opposition to God.

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, **they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful**; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. (*Emp. Added*)

Mat 27:45 Now from the sixth hour (*noon*) there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour (*three p.m.*). 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?

God could not even look upon His own Son because He was covered with our sin!

- Sin is a state of “UN-likeness”.

Mat 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

1Pe 1:15 But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

Gen 1:27 So God created man in His *own* image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.

- Sin is an act of transgression of God’s Holy law.

Mat 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, **but to fulfil**. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. (*Emp. Added*)

Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross; 15 *And* having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Jas 2:8 If ye fulfil the **royal** (*Gk.937-preeminent, king’s*) **law** (*N.T. over O.T.*) according to the scripture, Thou **shalt love thy neighbour as thyself**, ye do well: 9 But if ye **have respect to persons**, ye commit **sin**, and are convinced

(*convicted*) of the law as transgressors. 10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all. (*Emp. Added*)

(*The first four of the laws of Moses were written to show how man was to love God, the last six were written concerning how we are to love our neighbor.*)

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

- Sin makes man uncomfortable in God's presence.

Gen 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and **they knew that they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together, and **made themselves aprons.** **8** And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife **hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** amongst the trees of the garden. (*Emp. Added*)

Mankind still attempts to cover his nakedness (*sin*) with fig leaves in the form of addictions, rationalizations and excuses. Sin is not the result of nakedness, nakedness is the result of sin.

Gen 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou? **10** And he said, I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself. **11** And He said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? **12** And the man said, The woman whom Thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. **13** And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

1Ti 4:2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their **conscience seared** (*Gk.2743-to render unsensitive*) with a hot iron; (*Emp. Added*)

- God's justice desires punishment.

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **17 But** of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely die.** (*Emp. Added*)

- God's mercy desires acquittal.

Mat 9:13 But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am **not come** to call the righteous, **but sinners to repentance.** (*Emp. Added*)

- God's love provides a way.

1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your

fathers; 19 But with the **precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: *(Emp. Added)*

Heb 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but **by His own blood** He entered in once into the holy place, having **obtained eternal redemption for us**. *(Emp. Added)*

Heb 9:22 And almost all things are **by the law purged with blood**; and without shedding of blood **is no remission**. *(Emp. Added)*

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified *(Gk.1344-to render just or innocent)* freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation *(Gk.2435-atonement victim)* through faith in His blood *(that it can save)*, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance *(Gk.463-selfrestraint, tolerance)* of God; 26 To declare, *I say*, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Gen 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God **make coats of skins**, and **clothed them**. *(Emp. Added)*

Man cannot cover his own sin and shame. He can only rely on the mercy of God through Jesus Christ His Son to do so.

1Co 5:7 ... Christ our Passover **is sacrificed for us**: *(Emp. Added)*

Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ **have put on Christ**. *(Emp. Added)*

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are **in Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. *(Emp. Added)*

Are you in Christ?

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