

What is "Sin" ?

Brief Definitions of Some Terms

- Lawlessness - Thayer's Greek Lexicon - STRONGS NT #458: ἀνομία
ἀνομία, ἀνομίας, ἡ (ἄνομος);

1. properly, the condition of one without law — either because ignorant of it, or because violating it.

2. contempt and violation of law, iniquity, wickedness ... opposed to ... to iniquity — personified — in order to work iniquity ... act wickedly ... in the same sense ... manifestations of disregard for law, iniquities, evil deeds ...

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- Sin - Thayer's Greek Lexicon - STRONGS NT # 265: ἁμάρτημα

... a sin, evil deed, ...

- Transgression - Thayer's Greek Lexicon - STRONGS NT #3847: παράβασις

...properly, a going over; metaphorically, a disregarding, violating; ...absolutely, the breach of a definite, promulgated, tariffed law: ... is wrong-doing which even a man ignorant of the law may be guilty of ... to create transgressions, i. e. that sins might take on the character of transgressions, and thereby the consciousness of sin be intensified and the desire for redemption be aroused, ...

Brief Definitions of Some Terms

- Conscience - Thayer's Greek Lexicon - STRONGS NT #4893: συνείδησις
 - a. the consciousness of anything: ... a soul conscious of sins, ... consciousness of nobility; a soul mindful of its noble origin, ...
 - b. "the soul as distinguishing between what is morally good and bad, prompting to do the former and shun the latter, commending the one, condemning the other; conscience": ...

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"Conscience" - noun

...the inner sense of what is right or wrong in one's conduct or motives, impelling one toward right action: to follow the dictates of conscience. the complex of ethical and moral principles that controls or inhibits the actions or thoughts of an individual. an inhibiting sense of what is prudent: ...

- Dictionary.com

Why Do We Need Authority from God?

- A Fair Question.... See Matthew 21:23
- Man needs assistance from a higher source...See Prov. 12:14; Jer. 10:23
- God's Word saves souls...See James 1:21
- We need the benefit of Divine Illumination provided by His revelation - Ps. 119:105
- God as the Creator, with all knowledge, knows what is best for man
- God loves us; He has our best interests in mind & set things up this way
- Remember, we are created "good", but like sheep we go astray...
- God has sent His Son as the perfect sacrifice and invited us to have fellowship with the godhead by "walking in the light" (as shown to us in His Word).
- Notice what Paul told Felix as he spoke along these lines: "But as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present, and when I find time I will summon you." Acts 24:25

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For no one is declared righteous before him by the works of the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now apart from the law the righteousness of God (which is attested by the law and the prophets) has been disclosed – namely, the righteousness of God through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. But they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

- Romans 3:19-24 (NET Bible)

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- James 1:13-15 (ESV)

Look, the Lord's hand is not too weak to deliver you; his ear is not too deaf to hear you. But your sinful acts have alienated you from your God; your sins have caused him to reject you and not listen to your prayers.

- *Isaiah 59:1-3 (NET Bible)*

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How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish.

- *Psalm 1 (NASB)*

Numerous Concepts in Understanding "Sin"

- Sin is considered a "trespass" (*i.e. stepping into an 'unauthorized' area*)
- Sin is often described as "missing the mark" (*e.g. Shooting at a target*)
- The Bible describes sin as "lawlessness" (Gk. *anomos* #459)
- Sometimes we speak in terms of "committing the sin of"
- On other occasions, we say "they are living in sin"
- We must also understand there are sins of "omission"
- Who is it that determines what "sin" is?
- How are we to understand what "sin" is?

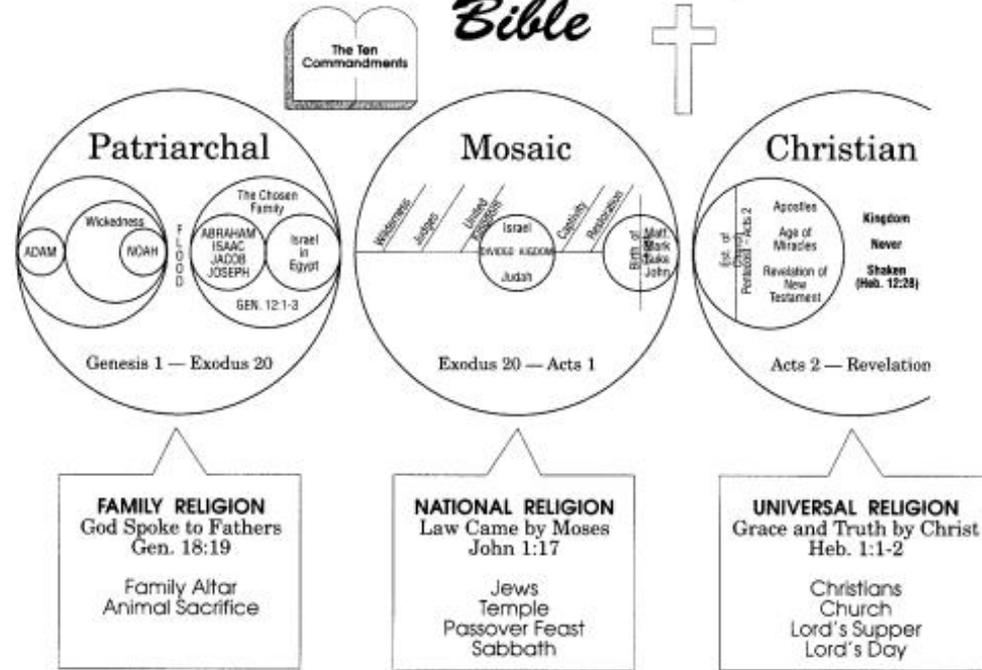
The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;
The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them there is great reward.

- Psalm 19:7-11 (NKJV)

Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel, for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed. Therefore the land mourns, and all who dwell in it languish, and also the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens, and even the fish of the sea are taken away. Yet let no one contend, and let none accuse, for with you is my contention, O priest. You shall stumble by day; the prophet also shall stumble with you by night; and I will destroy your mother. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

- Hosea 4:1-6 (ESV)

Historical Periods of the Bible



3 LAW AGES

- God gives the instruction
- His Instruction can be understood
- Mankind either sins or submits

3 EXAMPLES

- Eating of pork
Mosaic Law vs NT Law
(Lev. 11:1-8 and Acts 10:9-16)
- Passover Observance
Mosaic Law vs NT Law
Num. 28:16 and Col. 2:14-17
- Circumcision 8th day
Mosaic Law vs NT Law
Lev. 12:1-3 and Gal. 5:1-4

The Light and Darkness Concept

- Jesus said when we follow Him, we are in the light John 8:12
- God teaches, via Paul, that when we follow brethren, we are to ONLY do so as we understand them to be following Christ!
- "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." I Cor. 11: 1 (ESV)



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Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.....If we follow Jesus, we can be saved!
John 14:6 - Matthew 16:24 - John 6:68