

Exodus 20:20 – Sin.

I. What is Sin? (Transgression or Iniquity).

To sin is to miss a set mark/standard/way, go wrong, to bring into guilt or condemnation or punishment.

“Sin is any failure to conform to the moral law of God in act, attitude, or nature.”ⁱ

II. Where did sin come from?

God did not cause sin and He is not to be blamed for sin. Satan was the first to sin against God, though not responsible for our sin. Rather, with respect to the human race, the first sin was that of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden in Genesis 3:1-19 after they had believed a lie from Satan.

God charged (imputed) Adam’s guilt to mankind. Through Adam, our representative, we became guilty sinners.

Romans 5:12- Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

III. The consequences of sin.

- i. **Sin led to total depravity;** this inherited sin corrupts every aspect of man’s nature and faculties (body, mind and spirit) making all humanity and nature unable to be or do good.

Psalm 14:3 - They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one.

Romans 3:23 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

- ii. **Guilt, separation and death.**

Sin brought guilt, broke the perfect relationship with God and led to spiritual and physical death.

Isaiah 59:2 - But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death...

- iii. **The solution to sin.**

Thanks to God there’s a way of out sin, repentance.

Ezekiel 14:6 - “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Repent, turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your abominations.

John 3:16-17 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

What happens when we repent:-

- **We become spiritually alive-born again.**
Ephesians 2:4 - But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
- **Renewed.**
2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
- **Forgiven.**
Matthew 26:28 - "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
Colossians 2:13 - And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,
- **Justified.**
Romans 5:18 - Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.
Romans 8:1 - There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

A Christian's conflict with sin.

Romans 7:19 - For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.

1 John 2:16 - For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

The Christian's conflict with sin, according to, comes from three areas: the world, the flesh and the devil.

Psalms 119:11 - Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

Titus 2:11-12 - For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

