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THE TOP 10 LIST

"MAJOR QUESTIONS CONCERNING SIN"

NO.	QUESTION	ABBREVIATED ANSWER (SEE DETAILED NOTES - CHAP 27B)
10	What Is Sin ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's Man Missing the Mark of God's Glory-Rom 3:23 • It's any deviation from God's Essence
9	What Is the distinction between: - "sins" (plural) & - "sin" (singular)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Sins"- are personal sins (thoughts or deeds of omission or commission) - Gal 5:19-21 • "Sin"- often with the definite article ("the" sin) normally refers to man's sin nature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The source of "sins" - Rom 5:12 - The sin nature is the root and sins are the fruit - Rom 6:12-23
8	Do men become sinners because they sin ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men sin because they have a sin nature - Rom 5:12 • They are born in the image of Adam - Gen 5:3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam fell & possessed a sin nature • Principle: "Like begets like"



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7	What has Christ done with man's sins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He has paid the penalty for everyone's sins (sins that are past, present & future) - 1 Cor 15:3; 2 Cor 5:19; Heb 1:3; 1 Jn 3:5 • God is satisfied with Christ's sacrifice - 1 Jn 2:2
6	Will unbelievers go to Hell because of their sins ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their sins are forgiven but their sin nature is condemned - Rom 8:3 • So they are condemned because of their union with their sin nature - Rom 5: 16-21 • Only in Christ is there NO condemnation - Rom 8:1
5	Are believers sinners?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Position: Believers are Saints, never sinners - Rom 1:7; 1 Cor 1:2 • In Condition (practice): Believers do sin and are to confess their sins - 1 Jn 1:9



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4	Do you (a believer) have a sin nature ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes! - Rom 7:4-25 • Your sin nature has not been annihilated nor eradicated • It is your greatest enemy within
3	What has Christ done with your sin nature ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He became sin(what the sin nature is)- 2 Cor 5:21 • He rendered it inoperative - Rom 6:6 • He died unto it - Rom 6:10 • He condemned it - Rom 8:3
2	What is your relationship to your sin nature ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Position: Dead to it (separated, cut loose) - Rom 6:2; Gal 2:20 • In Practice: Can fulfill its desires(lusts)- Rom 6:12
1	How should you respond to the desires of your sin nature ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reckon yourself dead (separated) to it- Rom 6:11 • Be on God's side - stand against it! • Keep on beholding Christ - 2 Cor 3:18

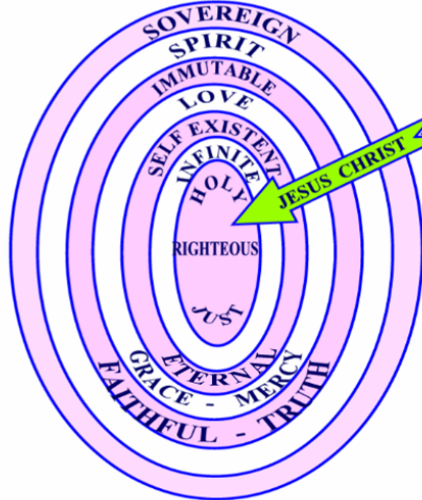


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WHAT IS SIN ?

IT IS MISSING THE MARK OF GOD'S GLORY - ROM 3:23

GOD'S GLORY



ALL MANKIND
ROM 1:19-21

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THE TWO TREES
QUESTION : WHICH TREE ARE YOU ABIDING IN ?

TREE OF KNOWLEDGE
OF GOOD & EVIL
[Post Fall]

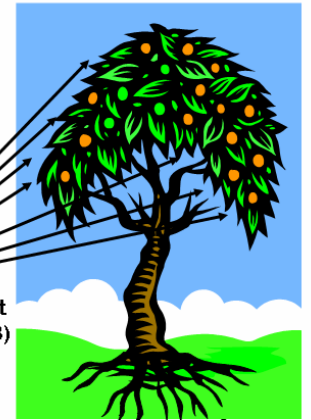


Root = Sin Nature

Fruit (sins) = Human good

Fruit (sins) = Human evil

TREE OF LIFE



Root = Christ

Fruit = Fruit of the Spirit
(Gal 5: 22,23)

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CHAPTER 27B - DETAILED NOTES

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN 5 INDIVIDUAL PAPERS CONCERNING THE DOCTRINE OF SIN. THEY ARE:

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| 1. SIN VS. SINS | 25 JUNE 1995 |
| 2. SIN VS. SINS - UNBELIEVERS | 16 JULY 1995 |
| 3. SIN VS. SINS - UNBELIEVERS | 23 JULY 1995 |
| 4. SIN VS. SINS - UNBELIEVERS | 30 JULY 1995 |
| 5. BELIEVERS OVERTHROWN | 08 OCT 1995 |

SIN VS. SINS

I. BACKGROUND:

There is a vast difference in Scripture between sin & sins. Also between:

- A. freedom from sin (identification) &
- B. freedom from sins (substitution)

II. DEFINITIONS:

- A. Sin: most often refers to the sin nature. It is the source of sins. It is singular, and most of the time has the definite article. I Jn. 1:8; Rom. 6:1,2,6,7,10-14,17,18,20,22,23)
- B. Sins: acts of sin (e.g. bitterness, anger, fear, unforgiveness, jealousy, envy, etc.). Sins are a product of the sin nature. I Jn. 1:9,10; 2:2

III. GOD'S PLAN & PROVISIONS

: A. SINS: (thoughts or acts of sins)

1. God has forgiven every single sin (past, present, & future) of every person in the world through the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ. He took the judgment in place of every person ever born. Rom. 5:8; 2 Cor. 5:14,15; Heb. 2:9; I Jn. 16:8,9
2. There is only one sin that a person will go to hell for - that is the sin of not believing in Christ (His person & His work). Jn. 16:8,9
3. A believer will commit sins if he/she abides in his/her sin nature. I Jn. 1:6-8; Rom. 6
4. Believers' sins will result in a loss of fellowship with Christ (not loss of salvation).
I Jn. 1:6-8
5. God restores our fellowship when we confess our sins to him. I Jn. 1:9

B. SIN NATURE:

1. Every believer still has a sin nature. Rom. 6,7
2. Every believer has two natures - not one.
 - A new nature & the old sin nature 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6,7
 - Sins must have a source = sin nature Rom. 6,7; I Jn. 1:8
3. The sin nature can never change nor can it be improved or fixed up. Jer. 17:9; Rom. 7
4. Psychology can't change the sin nature.
5. God has not forgiven the sin nature in the believer. Rom. 8:3
6. God has condemned (pronounced sentence upon) the sin nature through Christ's work on the cross. Rom. 8:3
 - a) unbelievers - are in union with their sin natures thus they are condemned because their sin natures are condemned Rom. 8:3
 - b) believers - are no longer in union with their sin nature but in union with Christ

therefore there is no condemnation Rom. 6; Rom. 8:3

7. The sin nature is imparted at conception and is active from birth to death. Ps. 51:1-5
8. God has co-crucified every believer with Christ so that we are judicially separated from our sin nature and walk in newness of life - this is our position in Christ. Gal. 2:20;
 - The sin nature is rendered inoperative (put in idle). Rom. 6
 - The sin nature no longer reigns in our life - it has been dethroned.
 - The sin nature no longer has to lord it over us.
 - We are free from the power of our sin nature.

SIN VS. SINS - UNBELIEVERS

(The work of the Holy Spirit - John 16:7-11)

1. God in His infinite love, grace, & mercy is constantly working in the life of every unbeliever via the Holy Spirit to convict them of three critical truths:
 - a) sin
 - b) righteousness
 - c) judgment

2. Definition: convict (elegcho) = to convince of error

3. An unbeliever has reached the wrong conclusions concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment in his/her mind and the Holy Spirit is convincing them of their error.

4. Reason for error: Satan has blinded the minds of those that are lost. He has veiled their minds from the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. - 2 Cor. 4:3,4

5. Observe that conviction or convincing is directed to one's mind and not to one's senses or emotions. Much of the gospel presentation today is to the senses & emotions.

6. God loves the unbeliever and his ultimate will and responsibility is to save each unbeliever. The Holy Spirit overcomes the blindness (smoke screen) of their minds by enlightening them with truth.

7. "Conviction (convincing) of sin":
 - a) The Holy Spirit is continuously convincing the unbeliever of the one sin (missing the mark) that will keep them separated from God for all eternity - that one sin is not believing in Jesus Christ.
 - b) Believing in Christ consists of two things:
 1. believing in the person of Christ - Jn. 3:16-18
 2. believing in the work of Christ - Jn. 3:16-18
 - c) Some examples of the person of Christ are:
 - 1) He is God - Jn. 1:1,2; 8:58; 10:30; 14:7-11; 17:21-23; Phil. 2:6; Col. 1:19; 2:9
 - 2) He is human - Jn. 1:14; Rom. 8:3; Heb. 2:14
 - 3) He is sinless - 2 Cor. 5:21
 - 4) He is the creator - Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16; Rev. 4:11; 10:6
 - 5) He sustains life & the universe - Col. 1:17; Heb.1:3
 - 6) He is the truth - Jn. 1:14; 14:6
 - 7) He is life - Jn.1:4; 5:21; 6:33; 10:10; 14:6
 - d) Some examples of the work of Christ are:
 - 1) Paid penalty for sins of mankind - Rom. 3:25; 5:3; 2 Cor. 5:14,15
Eph. 1:7; Col. 2:14; I Tim 2:6; 4:10 Titus 2:11; Heb. 2:9; 9:28;
I Pet. 1:10-12; 3:18; I Jn. 2:2; 4:10; (Jn. 16:8,9)
 - 2) Provides redemption (through faith) - Rom. 3:24; Eph. 1:7
 - " justification " - Rom. 5:9; Gal. 2:16
 - " reconciliation " - Rom 5:10,11; 2 Cor.5:18,19
 - " righteousness " - 2 Cor. 5:21
 - " salvation " - Acts 4:12; Eph. 2:8
 - " life " - Eph. 2:4-6; I Jn. 4:9; 5:12

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8. "Conviction (convincing) of righteousness":

a) "because I go to my Father"

1) Leaving His earthly ministry:

While on earth Christ manifested his absolute righteousness to man. They witnessed his sinless nature and love of righteousness. By this the world knows that God the Father has sent his righteous son to earth and the Holy Spirit convinces the world of this. Jn. 17:4-8

2) Leaving by his ascension following the cross & resurrection

The cross, resurrection, ascension, & seating of Christ is the greatest manifestation of the glory of God.

The glory of God is all of God's essential essence including his absolute righteousness.

The Holy Spirit convinces the world that they stand condemned in Adam but by the one righteous act of Jesus Christ (dying for the ungodly) - the free gift of righteousness is made available to mankind by God's grace through faith. Jn. 17:1-3; Rom. 5:6-8, 17-19; Heb. 13:20

b) "and you see me no more"

1) The world no longer sees the manifestation of God's righteousness in the physical person of Christ because he is ascended.

2) But the world sees the manifestation of God's righteousness which is imputed to believers in Christ - which convicts unbelievers of their unrighteousness. Rom. 5:17; 2 Cor. 5:21; Jn. 17:20-25; Rom. 5:1-5

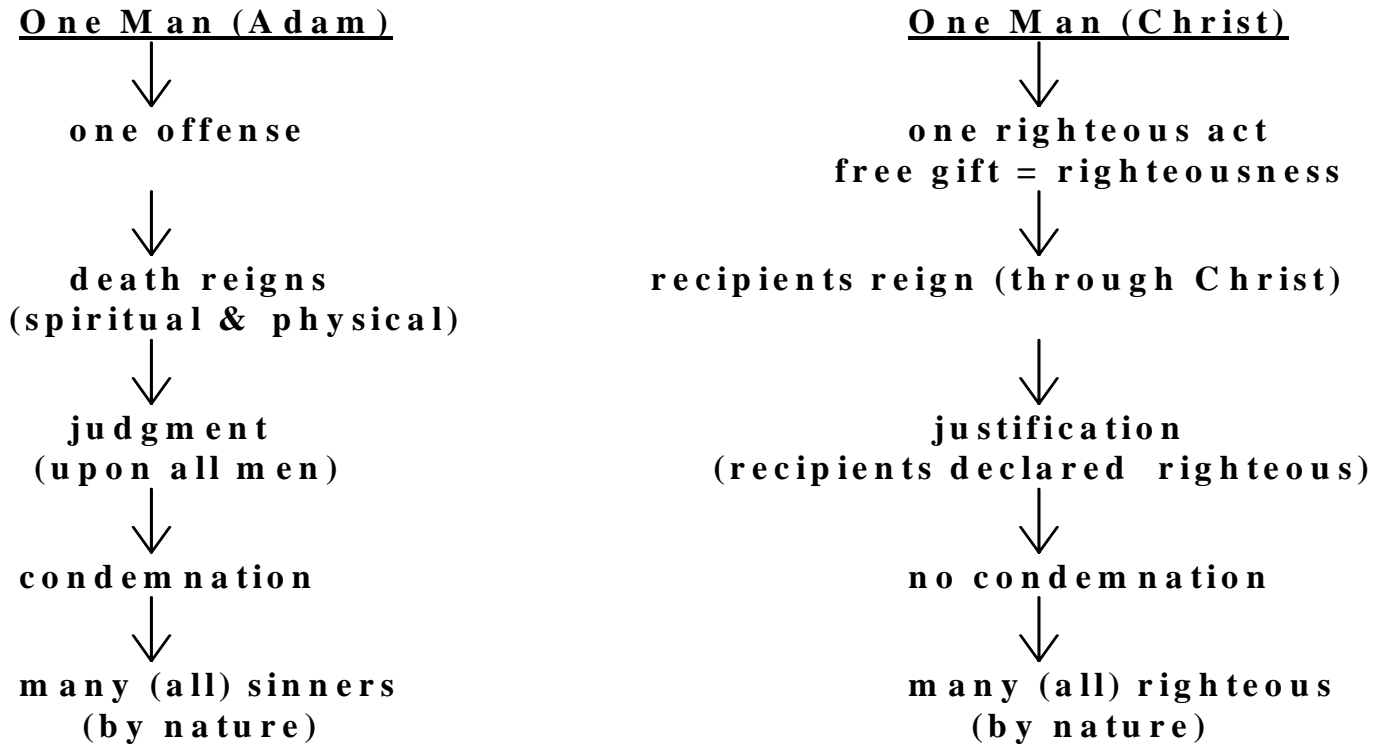
9. "Conviction (convincing) of judgment because the prince of this world (Satan) is judged"

a) Satan has blinded the minds of unbelievers to the gospel of the glory of Christ by hiding (veiling) it with abiding results.

b) The death, burial, resurrection, & ascension of Jesus Christ secures the judgment of Satan promised by God through "the seed of the woman" in Gen. 3:15 (Jn. 12:31-33). Also the veil is lifted which hid the gospel of the glory of Christ from the unbelievers' mind. With Satan judged the Holy Spirit can now freely enlighten or convince the unbeliever of his/her error. Heb. 2:14; I Jn. 3:8; Jn. 8:44

SIN VS. SINS – UNBELIEVERS (Rom. 5:17-19)

HEADSHIPS OF THE HUMAN RACE



Note: The Holy Spirit convinces unbelievers of the truths in both of the above columns and thus reveals their error. He accomplishes this via a man/woman of God living and/or proclaiming the gospel

BELIEVERS OVERTHROWN FROM WITHIN (BY SIN NATURE)

The Jews with Moses - I Cor. 10:1-11

All baptized / identified

- a) in the cloud = glory of God (a representation)
- b) in the sea = their deliverance (physical)

Believers in Christ-Rom. 6:1-13; Gal. 5:17

All baptized / identified

- a) into the person of Christ = glory of God
(the true)
- b) into his death, burial, & resurrection = our deliverance from sin nature (spiritual)

RESULTS

1. God's presence (external & temporary)
Shekinah Glory - (Ex. 40:34-38)
2. God's provision (sustained life-physical)
 - a) spiritual food - manna
 - b) spiritual drink - water
 - note: "spiritual" = supernatural
in its origin (a type of the true)
3. God's protection (conditional)
no external force could overthrow them
(Ex. 13:21,22; 14:14)
 - a) the largest & strongest army could not (Ex. 14:1-31)
 - b) Amalek's army in the wilderness could not (Ex. 17:8-16)
 - c) no nation in the world could - God would fight their battles (Ex. -33:1-3; Num. 14:5-12)

1. God's presence (internal & permanent)
the indwelling H.S. (Eph. 2:22; I Cor. 3:16; 6:19)
2. God's provision (gives life-spiritual)
 - a) true bread of life - Christ
 - b) true water of life - Christ
(Jn. 6:25-36, 49-51; Jn. 4:5-14)
3. God's protection (unconditional)
no external force can overthrow us
 - 2 Cor. 4:8-11
 - Rom. 8:35-39

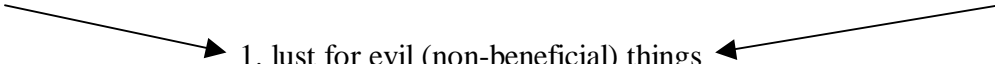
VULNERABILITY (to the army /enemy within us)

They were overthrown from within - internal

- a) with the majority - God was not well pleased
- b) reason: they were overthrown
- c) where: in the wilderness - even though under God's total protection, provision, & presence
- d) how overthrown: by their sin nature -
focus on self

We can only be overthrown from within - internal

- a) every believer is vulnerable to grieve the H.S.
- b) reason: by being overthrown
- c) where: in our walk even though under God's total protection, provision & presence
- d) how overthrown: by our sin nature -
focus on self

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1. lust for evil (non-beneficial) things
 2. idolatry - biggest idol = self
 3. fornication
 4. put Christ to the test
 - speaking against God by blaming him for our situation & circumstances
 5. Murmuring & complaining about God's perfect provision
 - behind every murmur & complaint in life is unbelief