



SIN

Foundations In The Faith Study #2

In biblical terms sin is defined as “missing the mark,” or coming short of God’s law.

To get the full picture of sin, we must go back to the book of Genesis.

Turn to Genesis 2:16-17.

What can we learn from this text?

- God gives Adam His command of obedience.
- God gives Adam the results if he chooses to disobey His Word.

Turn to Genesis 3:1-24

What can we learn from this text?

- We find the entrance of sin into the world.
- The fall of man.
- The separation of God and man.
- The first atonement for sin (Genesis 3:21).

Results of man’s sin

- **Spiritual death** – Fellowship with God is broken. Man can no longer have direct contact with God, due to his sin. Sin always separates us from God (Genesis 3:14-24).
- **Physical death** – Due to his disobedience to God, man would now eventually die physically (Genesis 6:3).
- **Eternal death** – This is the soul’s eternal separation from God (Romans 6:23).

The Law and Sin

- The law was given to Moses to display the righteousness of God.
- The children of Israel were called, like Adam, to obey the Word of God (Galatians 3:10).
- Paul says the law was a schoolmaster, displaying to us the sin in our lives, and showing our need for a Savior (Galatians 3:24).
- Paul says in the book of Romans that all have fallen short of the glory of God. He also states, the law cannot justify anyone (Romans 3:9-20).
- Jesus came to fulfill the law, and bridge the gap between a Holy God and sinful man (1 Timothy 2:5).

Sin must be dealt with

- Man’s way – Adam tried to cover his sin with fig leaves. This is man’s attempt, by his own works, to make himself right before God (Proverbs 14:12).
- God’s way – In Genesis 3:21, we find that God provided a blood sacrifice from an animal for sin. Then, God took the skin of the animal and used it to cover their sin. This is important to remember as we go through the Bible (Hebrews 9:22).
- In order to atone for the sins of the people in the Old Testament they would have to bring an animal sacrifice to the high priest, proving it necessary to shed blood for the forgiveness of sins.
- Jesus came into the world to shed His blood on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins (Ephesians 2:15-16).

VERY IMPORTANT: In Genesis 3:15, we have the first prophecy in the Bible. This prophecy is in reference to the Messiah who would come (Jesus Christ) to destroy the power of sin and the works of Satan in the world, which will bring us right into our teaching of Salvation.

Scriptures that are key:

- **Psalm 4:4** *“Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still.”*
- **Romans 6:14** *“For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”*
- **John 1:29** *“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”*

SIN: QUESTIONS

1. What are the wages of sin? (Romans 6:23)

2. How many people in the world have sinned? (Romans 3:23)

3. What does the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse us from? (1 John 1:7)

4. By giving our hearts to the Lord, what are we set free of? (Romans 6:22)

As we give our lives to the Lord and are born again of the Holy Spirit, all of our sins are washed away. We all will stumble in our walk with the Lord, but now we can confess them to the Lord and continue to grow in Christ each day.

What have we learned through this study?

Do you have any questions, problems, or comments that you would like to share with us?

Please Print

Your Name: _____ Age: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

After you have completed this Bible study, please send it back to us at radio@somebodylovesyou.com or mail it to the return address below. We will check it and return it to you along with the next lesson.

RETURN ADDRESS: ***Somebody Loves You Ministries***

Attn: New Believers Ministry
22324 Golden Springs Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-2449