

Just What is Sin?

There is no shortage of opinions when it comes to answering that question.

But the only authoritative answers to that question can be found in Scripture.

Before we address the question of Just What Sin is,

Let us clarify our relationship to it as Christians.

1 John 3:1, 2

We know that as God's children:

Every sin we ever have committed or will commit has been forgiven.

So, for Christians, what's the real issue here?

1 John 3:3

Being a child of God means a transformation.

2 Corinthians 5:17, 18a; Galatians 6:14, 15; Romans 6:2b-14

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I. SIN IS BREAKING THE LAW OF GOD.

1 John 3:4-6

Anyone who keeps on sinning!

Chooses to follow the path of sin in spite of the Conviction of the Holy Spirit.

Continually chooses to miss the mark of perfection.

II. SIN IS NOT LIVING UP TO THE LIGHT GOD HAS ALREADY GIVEN US.

James 4:17

It is not receiving and responding to the enlightening of the Holy Spirit.

III. WE CAN SIN IN THOUGHT AS WELL AS BY ACTIONS

Proverbs 24:9

Not acting out our thoughts does not eliminate the sin.

1 John 2:11

Mind you this is not talking about temptation.

Matthew 5:28

IV. WE SIN WHEN WE DO THINGS, WE ARE DOUBTFUL ABOUT

Romans 14:23

The sin is not following the convicting of the Holy Spirit.

V. SIN IS DESCRIBED AS SELF-RIGHTEOUS PRIDE.

Proverbs 21:2-4

It was this attitude that was maintained by the Pharisee.

Luke 18:9-14

VI. SIN IS FAVORING SOME PEOPLE OVER OTHERS.

James 2:8, 9

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Philippians 2:5 KJV