
The Essentials of Sin

Definition of Sin

Disobedience to God's words, ways, and will

- Defection from God's standards
- That which is against the character of God

Missing the mark; hitting the wrong mark

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"Anything in the creature that does not express, or which is contrary to the holy character of God." – *A Systematic Theology*

The Universality of Sin

All mankind are sinners

Romans 3:9-23

Ecc 7:20

Luke 11:11-13

Inherited Sin

All mankind are born into a sinful state

◦Ps 51:5

◦Eph 2:3

Imputed Sin

All mankind have a sinful nature that is imputed to us from Adam.

Imputed = ascribing, accrediting, assigning

◦Romans 5:12-21

◦Hebrews 7:8-10

Personal Sin

All mankind have personally and individually sinned – action we have taken ourself

- Romans 3:12 – all have turned away
- Romans 3:23 – all have sinned
- 1 Jn 1:8 – cannot claim to be without sin
- Gal 5:16-26 – sample list of personal sins

Total Depravity

All mankind fails the test of pleasing God

Every facet of our being is corrupted by sin; our very nature is sin

All people have sin and are powerless to do good on our own.

Penalty of Sin

There is a penalty for sin

- Romans 6:23

Both a physical and spiritual death

- Gen 3:1-24

Separation from God

- Eph 2:1-2

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Creation is affected by sin

- Romans 8:19-23

Eternal Consequences of Sin

When we ignore sin and do not seek God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ there is an eternal separation from God forever – hell

- John 3:16
- 1 John 5:12
- Rev 20:11-16

Remedy for Sin

God's love and forgiveness

- John 3:16
- 1 Tim 2:3-4
- 1 Peter 3:9
- John 1:29

Through Jesus

- Romans 5:8
- Romans 6:23
