

Our Relationship To Sin

Genesis 3:1-19

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- We talk about sin all the time
 - *Romans 3:23* – “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”
- Some just don't seem to get the idea

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What Is Sin?

■ Definition

– Merriam-Webster – “transgression of the law of God”

– Bible

- Mark 2:17 – “those who are sick.”
- James 4:17 – “fails to do it”
- I John 3:4 – “practices lawlessness”
- I John 5:17 – “All wrongdoing is sin”

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The Origin Of Sin

- I John 3:8 – “sinning from the beginning”
- Romans 5:12-14 – “death through sin”
- Genesis 3:1-19 – “You will not surely die”

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Relationships With Sin

- Temptation To Sin
- Falling To Sin
- Fleeing From Sin
- Recovering From Sin

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Relationships With Sin

- Temptation
 - “Tempt” – “To entice to do wrong by promise of pleasure or gain” (Merriam-Webster)
 - “solicit to sin ... especially by Satan” (Complete Word Study Dictionary)

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Relationships With Sin

- God can be tempted
 - Exodus 17:1-7 – “you test the Lord”
- Jesus was tempted
 - Luke 4:1-13 – “tempted by the devil”
 - Hebrews 2:17-18 – “he himself has suffered when tempted”
 - Hebrews 4:15 – “has been tempted”

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Relationships With Sin

- We are tempted
 - James 1:14 – “lured and enticed”
- Temptation itself is not necessarily evil
 - James 1:2, 12 – “remains steadfast under trial”
- But it can result in ...

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Relationships With Sin

- Falling to sin
 - James 1:13-15 – “by his own desire”
 - Luke 8:11, 13 – “in time of testing [they] fall away”
- Falling can destroy good works
 - I Thessalonians 3:5 – “our labor would be in vain”
 - Ezekiel 18:20, 24 – “shall he live?”

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Relationships With Sin

- Fleeing from sin
 - Genesis 39:7-12 – “fled and got out”
 - I Corinthians 10:14 – “flee from idolatry”
 - I Corinthians 6:18 – “Flee from sexual immorality”
 - II Timothy 2:22 – “flee youthful passions”
 - I Timothy 6:11-12 – “flee these things”

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Relationships With Sin

- Recovering from sin
 - Proverbs 3:1-7 – “let your heart keep my commandments”
 - Ezekiel 33:14-16 – “does what is just and right”
 - Acts 8:22 – “Repent ... of this wickedness”
 - Acts 3:19 – “Repent ... turn again”

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What Is Our Responsibility Regarding Sin?

- Luke 12:2-5 – “fear him”
- Revelation 6:15-17 – “who can stand?”

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What Is Our Responsibility Regarding Sin?

- When we sin we have a great responsibility to clear the sin
 - Luke 15:17-24a – “I have sinned against heaven and before you”
 - II Corinthians 2:1-8 – “this punishment by the majority”

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What Is Our Responsibility Regarding Sin?

- But when sin is not repented of ...
 - II Thessalonians 3:6 – “keep away from any brother”
 - I Corinthians 5:9-11 – “not even to eat with such a one”

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- Ecclesiastes 12:13 – “The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole [duty] of man.”

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“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

- Hear the Word of God
 - Romans 10:8 – “*But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim)*”
- Believe that Jesus is the Savior
 - Romans 10:11 – “*For the Scripture says, ‘Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.’*”

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“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

- Repent of your sins
 - Acts 3:19 – “*Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out*”
- Confess that Jesus is the Son of God
 - I John 4:15 – “*Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.*”

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“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

- Be immersed in water (baptized)
 - Acts 2:38 – “*And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’*”

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“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

- **Remain faithful**
 - **Hebrews 3:12-14 – “12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.”** ¹⁹