

What Kind Of Sinner Are You?

Numbers 15:22-31

Not far from the kingdom of God. Mark 12:28-34

1. Different from the Pharisees. Matthew 23
2. Different from the Sadducees. Matthew 22:23ff
3. Admirable characteristics.
 - a. Knowledgeable. cf. John 6:44; Matthew 11:28
 - b. Courageous. cf. John 12:42

Close, but not close enough.

- a. Rich young ruler ... One thing. Mark 10:21
- b. Joseph and Nicodemus. John 19:38ff
Secret disciples.
- c. Agrippa. Acts 26:28 Almost persuaded.

What Kind Of Christian Are You?

- Strong and weak. Romans 15:1
- Spiritual and carnal. 1 Corinthians 3:1
- Hot and cold. Revelation 3:15ff
- Stable and unstable. Ephesians 4:14-16
- Near and far. Matthew 26:58

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Numbers 32:23 "But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against Jehovah; and be sure your sin will find you out."

1 Corinthians 4:5 "Wherefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and make manifest the counsels of the hearts; and then shall each man have his praise from God."

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"Whosoever committeth sin is the bondservant of sin." John 8:34; cf. Romans 6:17

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezekiel 18:20

Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Let the Bible define sin.

1. 1 John 3:4 *"Every one that doeth sin doeth also lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness."*
2. 1 John 5:17 *"All unrighteousness is sin"*
3. James 4:17 *To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.*

- How sin develops. James 1:14-15; cf. Romans 6:11-12; Isaiah 59:1-2

There are many ignorant sinners. Numbers 15:25-26; Acts. 3:12-17

- *"For had they known it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."* 1 Corinthians 2:8
- Paul's (Saul of Tarsus) sin was in ignorance. Acts 26:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:13-15

There are multitudes of secret sinners.

Psalms 139:23-24

God knows us wholly:

Psalms 90:8 "Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance."

Acts 1:24 "And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show of these two the one whom thou hast chosen,"

Romans 8:27 "and he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to (the will of) God."

cf. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Matthew 15:8; Matthew 23 Outward appearance could not hide their sin.

There are many presumptuous sinners.

"Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous (sins); let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be clear from great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Jehovah, my rock, and my redeemer" Psalms 19:13-14.

Presumptuous sinners.

- Nadab and Abihu. Leviticus 10:1-2
- Korah, Dathan, Abiram and On presumed to act as priests where God had not authorized. Numbers 16.
- Uzzah. 2 Samuel 6:6.
- King Uzziah. 2 Chronicles 26:16 ff.

2 Peter 2:9-10 *"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished; But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous (Daring ASV) are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities."* (KJV)

There are sinners through weakness.

1 Corinthians 11:30

Peter followed afar off. Matthew 26:58

Peter withdrew from the Gentiles. Galatians 2:11-13

Demas forsook Paul ... 2 Timothy 4:10

There are impenitent sinners. 2 Corinthians 12:21;
Romans 3:10, 23

"Jesus came into the world to save sinners ... of whom I am chief." 1 Timothy 1:15

The Lord does not save without our consent.

1. Romans 2:5-6 *"but after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up for thyself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; who will render to every man according to his works"*

2. Mark 16:15-16; Romans 6:16-17

3. Acts 2:38 ... Acts 2:41, 47