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Section: Doctrine of Sin (Hamartiology)

What is Sin? (Q33)

**HANDOUT NOTES**

**Q33. What is sin?**

Sin is disobeying God; sin is any disobedience in heart or deed to God’s perfect law and commands.

**Disobedience in Heart**: Having the wrong state of mind, motivation, or desire behind what we do or feel.

**Disobedience in Deed**: Doing or saying what God forbids, or not doing or saying what God commands.

* **Inherited, Imputed, and Practiced Sin**

**Genesis 2:15-17**

* **Reality #1: Inherited Sin (Original Sin):**

**Romans 5:12**

“Due to Adam’s failure, mankind didn’t fall *because we* sinned, rather, we sin because each of us *are* fallen.”

**Psalm 51:5**

* **Reality #2: Imputed Sin:**

***Federal headship*** means when Adam sinned, it was counted for all of us. Adam’s choice to sin means that we are brought forth under the penalty of that sin, and his sin is imputed (credited) to us.

* **Reality #3: Practiced Sin**:

**1 John 3:4**

List of sins in Mark 7:21-22, Rom. 1:24-31, Rom. 13:13 Gal. 5:19-21, 1 Cor 6:9-10, Col 3:5-9, 1 Tim 1:9-10, and Rev 21:8

* **Passive and Active Sin**

**Romans 7:18-20**

* **The sin of commission: the sin of actively doing what God prohibits**

**Hebrews 9:7**

* **The sin of omission: the sin of failing to do what God requires**

**James 4:17**

**Luke 10:30-37**

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* **The Sin of Self-Righteousness**

1. Sin is doing the wrong thing (disobedience of God’s perfect law).

2. Sin is also doing the right thing for the wrong reasons (self-salvation or self-righteousness).

**Luke 16:15**

**Mark 10:19-20**

“I obey; therefore, I am accepted.”

**Romans 3:23**

**Romans 3:10-12**

**Romans 8:7**

* **Unbelief: The Root of All Sin**

**Romans 14:23** … For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

**Hebrews 11:6** (NIV) Without faith it is impossible to please God …

* **The Seriousness of Sin**

R.C. Sproul says it well, **“Sin is cosmic treason.”**

**James 2:10** For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

**Jeremiah 17:9**

* **The Penalty for Sin**

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

**Revelation 20:11-15**

**Sin is Sin**

**Not all Sin Is the Same**

**The Varying Consequences of Sin**

Hebrews 10:28-29

Matthew 23:23-24

1 Corinthians 6:18

Matthew 5:27-28

Psalms 19:13

* **Exposing and Avoiding Sin**

**The word of God:**

**Hebrews 4:11-13**

**Brothers and sisters in Christ:**

**Galatians 6:1**

**Hebrews 3:13**

**The Holy Spirit:**

**John 16:7-8**

**Romans 6:11-14, 17-18**