

**VI. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS**  
**LESSON SIX**  
**... ABOUT SIN**

**INTRODUCTION**

Sin is a harsh reality in the life of man. The life of the un-regenerated man is totally and completely dominated and controlled by sin. Man does not have to learn to sin; his very nature is sin. No child needs to be taught to do wrong (to sin), but must, rather, be taught to do what is right. In Psalm 51:5 we read:

**"Behold I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive**

There are many evidences of sin that declare the fact of sin:

- Creation - life/death; harmony/discord; light/darkness; beauty/ugliness.
- Human History - chaos, war, bloodshed, hate, murder, corruption, dominance.
- Human Logic - man knows something is wrong.
- Human Conscience - it smites, speaks clearly unless ignored or silenced.
- Human Experience - history in the making: crime, immorality perversion, corruption, lawlessness.
- Human Religions - all nations have/had belief in god/gods needing appeasement for deeds of the people.
- Believers - his acute consciousness.
- Scripture - Psalms 4:1-3; 53:1-3; Romans 3:23; 5:12.

**NOTE:** The religion of Humanism says there is no right or wrong, thus there is no sin. They teach that sin is a error of the mortal mind and that corrected thinking will end the problem. Man should be free to do whatsoever gives him pleasure and fulfillment without any restraint.

**THE ORIGIN OF SIN**

From the following Scriptures determine the origin of sin.

Genesis 1:31

Isaiah 14:12-14

Ezekiel 28:12-17

Genesis 1:26,27; 3:1-6

Conclusions: From the above Scriptures we would note that sin originated in the heart of Satan as a result of pride.

**Proverbs 16:18, Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.**

## WHAT IS SIN ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE?

Proverbs 24:9

I John 3:4

I John 5:17

James 4:17

Romans 14:23

Conclusions: Sin is evil - a moral evil as contrasted with physical evil (floods, earthquakes, drought, etc.)

## WHAT IS THE NATURE OF SIN ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE?

Genesis 8:21 Psalms 51:5

John 3:6

Job 14:4

Ephesians 2:3

Galatians 5:19,20,21

Romans 3:13-15

Romans 1:23

Conclusions: Sin is an evil which originates in the heart of unregenerated man, whose nature is sin. Thus the nature of sin is an 'inherited or inborn heart condition.'

We can more specifically define sin from the definition of the various Greek words used in the New Testament.

- Hamartia - sin or sins = to miss the mark.
- Parakoe - disobedience = to hear amiss.
- Anomos - iniquity = lawlessness.
- Parabasis - transgressor/transgression = to step beyond the boundary or line.
- Parantoma - trespasses, offences, carelessness.

## CONSEQUENCE OF SIN

Genesis 2:17

Romans 3:23

Romans 5:12-21

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that the consequence of sin is death.

### **RESPONSE TO THE TRUTH**

As we stated un-regenerated man is a slave to sin, having a sin nature and can do nothing but sin. But this is not the case with the person who has been born again/regenerated. Romans 6:6,7 says

**Knowing this, that our old man (sin man, sin nature) is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.**

Then in Romans 6:16 we further see that now we must choose to sin.

**Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness... (verse 17)... that ye were servants of sin. (verse 1a) *Being* then made free from sin...**

WHAT KIND OF CHOICES HAVE YOU BEEN MAKING?

\_\_\_ Sin unto death

\_\_\_ Obedience unto righteousness

\_\_\_ Perhaps both of the above