

<p>What is Sin?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sin (<i>hamartia</i>) = “a failure, fault, sin... fault of judgment” (LS 41). • Sin = “to miss a mark; to be in error... to be guilty of wrong... offence, sin” (Moulton 17). • Sin = “an offense, violation, fault, or error... to violate religious or moral law” (AHD 1142). • The Bible tells us that sin is “lawlessness” (I Jn. 3:4), “unrighteousness” (I Jn. 5:17), doing those things that God has commanded us not to do (Lev. 5:17; 22:9), lust (Rom. 6:12), and exists where there is no forgiveness of sins (Rom. 6:14). 	<p>Sin</p> <p><i>“Behold, Jehovah’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, so that he will not hear”</i></p> <p>Isaiah 59:1-2</p>	<p>What determines when one “fails, is at “fault,” “misses the mark,” is in “error,” and “guilty of wrong”?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>God’s</u> laws identify right from wrong (Rom. 4:15; 5:13; 7:7; Gal. 3:24; I Jn. 3:4). • God’s laws are standards or landmarks that cannot be moved by man (Hos. 5:10; Matt. 7:24ff; II Tim. 1:13). • God’s laws are precepts that he desires people to know and follow (Eccl. 12:13; Hos. 8:12). • All humanity has missed the mark set by God in His laws (Rom. 3:23). We have all failed in our error and are guilty of sin.
<p>What happens when I Sin?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am drawn away from God by lust (James 1:13-15). Man is like a rubber-band being pulled in two directions. While the gospel’s draw is salvation through righteousness (cf. Jn. 6:44-45) sin too has its draw of lust and pleasure (Heb. 11:24-25). • I have erred, faltered, and violated the law of God. • I am separated from my fellowship with God and brethren (Ex. 19:21-25; 33:1-6; Lev. 18:29-30; 19:1-2; Isa. 50:1; 59:1-2; Ezek. 14:5; 18:25-28; Jn. 8:21; I Cor. 6:15; Rom. 5:21; 9:3; I Jn. 1:5-7; II Jn. 9ff). • I am subject to judgment (Jn. 5:44ff eternal ruin (Rom. 6:23). 	<p>What should my attitude toward sin be?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I ought to be ashamed of my lawless actions (Ex. 32:19-20; Isa. 3:9; Jer. 6:15; Ezek. 36:29-33; Rom. 6:20-21). • I ought to hate (Rom. 12:9; Eph. 4:26; Jude 1:23) and be disgusted (Lev. 11:13) with sin. • Regret (Acts 2:37-38; 8:18ff) • Sorrow (II Cor. 7:9-10). • Knowing that I have failed God through error I ought to be humbled by my sin (Ps. 51:17; Isa. 57:15; 66:2; Lk. 8:15; I Pet. 2:2). • Know that it is “against God” (Gen. 39:7-12). • Said “attitudes” against sin will drive me to seek out God’s forgiveness. 	
<p>Though we sin there is hope of forgiveness through Jesus Christ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The apostle Paul was thankful that Jesus Christ offers a remedy to our sinful situation (Rom. 7:24-25). • Jesus came into this world to set us free from the bondage of sin and death (Jn. 8:31-32). • Man has the opportunity of being reconciled to God through the blood of Jesus Christ (Col. 1:20). • Justification of sins committed against God’s laws is a reality (Rom. 5:1ff). 		
<p>What should I do to be forgiven of my sins?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible tells me that I can be initially forgiven of my sins when I obey God’s command to be baptized (cf. Rom. Acts 2:37-37; 22:16; 6:1-6; 16; I Pet. 3:20-21). • I must acknowledge that I have sinned (Jer. 3:13; Hos. 5:15; I Jn. 1:9). • Confess my sins unto the Lord and at times to other brethren (Lev. 5:5; 26:40; James 5:16; I Jn. 1:9). • Repent (Lk. 13:3; Acts 8:22; 17:30). 		