

# Sin

## **Concept:**

One of the most damaging areas to our lives is, of course, our bent to sin. Sin simply means missing the mark and nothing could be more damaging to us than not being able to achieve, because we keep missing our goals. If you have ever participated in athletics, you know the heartaches of not being able to achieve victory because of a missed opportunity. Maybe you have participated in a soccer game and had the opportunity to score the winning goal, but you missed the penalty kick. Remember the rush of emotion when you realized that victory had just eluded you and your teammates because of your failure to kick correctly? That is exactly what happens when we sin. We lose an opportunity for victory and let those who are depending on us down because we did not hit the mark.

Scripture says that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life (Romans 6:23). This verse plainly states that missing the mark will cause defeat to take place in my life. In I Kings 9:4,5, the Lord spoke to Solomon and told him to follow the direction laid out in the Word and he would succeed. But, if he failed to use the Word as his standard, he would fail. The principle is easy to apply in our lives: If I give attention to the Word of God and apply it, there will be victory and I will hit the mark and reach the goal.

Romans 6:6 states that the body of sin has been done away with so that we are not slaves to sin any longer. This scripture shows us that sin is trying to enslave us and hold us captive. Sin is attempting to keep us bound and chained so we will not experience the freedom that the Lord purchased for us on the cross. Not only does sin desire to paralyze me but it also puts me in a position of resisting the love of God that is being extended to me. The prodigal son, in Luke 15, was away from the Father's touch until he decided to return to his father's house. Not only does sin hurt my situation but it also hurts my fellowship with the Father, because like the prodigal, I have left His presence. Exodus 20:5, amplified the consequence of sin by showing how my sin could affect the lives of three to four generations after me. These consequences certainly make us aware of how important the blood of Christ is to cleanse us and also break the power of sin in our lives. Praise God for His blood!

I Peter 5:8 reminds us that the devil is waiting for an opportunity to devour us. How can he devour me if I believe in Christ and I am sealed the Body of Christ? Very simply, all I have to do is open the door of my life through sin which gives the enemy free access to come in and take a big bite out of me. We see David doing that very thing in II Samuel 11 and 12. David opened the door of his life to the devil by having an affair with Bathsheba. This allowed the devil to come in and take four big bites out of David and his family. This is why the enemy of my soul is always trying to get me to compromise on the Word. He can't make me sin, but he can make it very easy for me to fall into the pit of destruction. The devil will certainly put potential stumbling blocks in front of me, but the Word will bring light into the darkness and I will not fall. Romans 5:12-14 explains how the power and presence of sin has been holding everyone in captivity with no way of self-escape. But, Jesus shed His blood and His gift of life has set us free and now sin no longer has dominion over all of us who have received Christ as our savior and Lord.

The good news is that Romans 5:16 states, that the gift of righteousness is stronger than sin and we will be able to walk in freedom. We know that the grace of God was given so that we would have the ability to get up from each fall and keep going forward. The Lord is so committed to our victory that He comes and lives inside us to insure that we can do all things because He will personally strengthen us.

We need to become so bold that our confession before the devil is “Sin and Satan have no more dominion or power over me, because the blood of Christ has paid my debt and the grace of God is empowering me to stand against every temptation to compromise. I will be victorious in Christ and I will hit the mark.”

**Definitions:**

**Sin:** Hamartia: Missing the mark, failure, offense, taking the wrong course, wrong doing, sin, guilt. A principle and quality of action. John 8:34, James 1:5

**Transgressions:** Parabaino: Abandoning a trust, departing, stepping aside, overstep, violation, rebellion, disobedience, deviation from original and true direction. Revolting against law, going against established limits.

**Iniquity:** Avon: Evil, fault, blame, moral illness, perversion, and crookedness, bent on distorted. Iniquity is an evil bent within human beings and the crooked direction of sinners.

**Scripture Application:**

1. Genesis 4:6,7
2. Exodus 32:30-32
3. Matthew 18:15
4. Matthew 18:21
5. Luke 15:18
6. Luke 17:3-5
7. John 1:29
8. John 5:14
9. John 8:11
10. John 9:2-5
11. Romans 3:23,24

12. Romans 5:12-16
13. Romans 6:15-17
14. I Corinthians 8:12
15. I Corinthians 15:34
16. Ephesians 4:26
17. I Timothy 5:20
18. James 1:15
19. I John 1:10
20. I John 2:1
21. I John 3:8,9
22. I John 5:17, 18
23. Psalms 19:13
24. Psalms 32:1,5
25. Psalms 39:8
26. Psalms 51:1,3
27. Psalms 65:3
28. Psalms 103:12
29. Isaiah 43:25
30. Isaiah 53:5,8
31. Ezekiel 18:31
32. Daniel 9:24
33. Micah 1:13
34. Micah 6:7
35. Acts 1:25

36. Romans 11:11,12
37. Galatians 3:19
38. Ephesians 2:1,5
39. Genesis 4:17
40. Genesis 15:16
41. Genesis 19:15
42. Leviticus 16:21,22
43. Leviticus 26:39
44. Psalms 32:5
45. Psalms 51:2,9
46. Psalms 85:2
47. Psalms 90:8
48. Psalms 130:3
49. Isaiah 50:1
50. Isaiah 53:5,6,11
51. Jeremiah 3:25
52. Jeremiah 11:10
53. Ezekiel 36:33
54. Daniel 4:27
55. Daniel 9:13,16
56. Matthew 23:28
57. Acts 3:26
58. Romans 4:7
59. Romans 6:19

60. Hebrews 1:9

61. Hebrews 8:12

62. Hebrews 10:17

63. II Thessalonians 2:7

64. Titus 2:14

65. I John 3:4

66. Revelation 18:5

**Summary:**

As we see, the verses describe the consequence of sin and the world around us that is falling apart because of sin. I hope that there is a righteous indignation that rises up within you and hates sin and its result. We have to fight not only the desire to sin but we always need to have in mind what sin does. Sin wants to destroy your life and the life of your family. We have to understand that it may be pleasurable for a season but that season is soon followed by death. We never get away with sin because even if I do it in secret, it will be shouted from the housetop. My sin will always find me out. Remember sins start in the mind and then come out as action. The mind is where I can cast them down and they will then never get into action. James 1:15 states that desire always proceeds sin. Therefore, if my desires are wrong I had better start delighting in the Lord instead of sin. Then the Lord will give me His desires for my life. Delight means to be pliable in the hands of the Lord by meditating on his purposes for my life. What I give attention to in my life is what I am going to desire and what I desire I will eventually act out. Do I want what I am thinking; this is the question we all need to answer.

The Lord will give us the power to overcome any obstacle in my life, if I will only let Him have access. Give the Lord access by praying about your desires and asking Him to change any action in your life that is not bringing glory to Him.

**Action Point:**

Take a day and keep track of your thought life. Evaluate what you are meditating on and ask the Lord to convict you of any wrong thought processes. Write down what took most of your thought time and evaluate the consequences if those thoughts were put to action. Decide: Is that the direction that you want your life to go? Take Philippians 4:8 and begin to confess it and watch the Word change your life.