# God's View Of Sin

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith Jehovah: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

# Who Is God?

### Nothing is more important than knowing God.

John 17:3 "And this is life eternal, that they should know thee the only true God, and him whom thou didst send, (even) Jesus Christ."

### Who Is God?

Look at Isaiah's picture of God. Isaiah 6:1ff

- God is Holy (incomparable) in power. Isaiah 40:12
- God is Holy (incomparable) in righteousness. Isaiah 5:13-16
- God is Holy (incomparable) in Grace and Mercy. Isaiah 1:2-5; Isaiah 1:18

### God's View Of Sin Is Different From Ours. cf. Isaiah 55:8-9

- God is from everlasting to everlasting. Psalms 90:2
- God is all-seeing. 1 Samuel 16:7; Psalms 139:7-8, 16
- God is infinite in wisdom. Psalms 147:5; 1 Samuel 2:3
- God has divine foreknowledge. 1 Peter 1:2; Isaiah 46:10
- God is infinitely holy. Isaiah 6:3
- God does not change. Malachi 3:6

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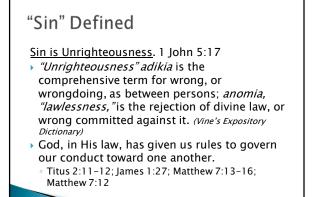
- > God has given us the Bible.
- It was given by divine inspiration.
   2 Timothy 2:16-17
- It contains the mind of God revealed to man. 1 Corinthians 2:11-13
- It contains all things that pertain to "life and godliness." 2 Peter 1:3
- It will judge us in the "last day." John 12:48

# "Sin" Defined hamartía "Sin, missing the true end and scope of our lives, which is God. An offense in relation to God with emphasis on guilt." (The Complete Word Study Dictionary) Man's first responsibility in life. Ecclesiastes 12:13; Matthew 6:33 To fail in this is to miss the mark.

## "Sin" Defined

Sin is Transgression: 1 John 3:4

- "Transgression," or "Lawlessness," NK/V, anomia, "properly, the condition of one without law – either because ignorant of it, or because violating it." (Thayer's Greek Lexicon)
- God speaks to us through His Son.
   (Hebrews 1:1-2; 9:15-17)
   Anytime transported His New Testament.
  - Anytime we transgress His New Testament, whether we do it deliberately or in ignorance, we sin!



# "Sin" Defined

Whatever is "not of faith" is sin. Romans 14:23

- "Faith," is used here, in a subjective sense, and refers to one's own concept of right versus wrong.
- To violate one's own conscience is wrong.
- Illustrations. Romans 14; 1 Corinthians 8; 10

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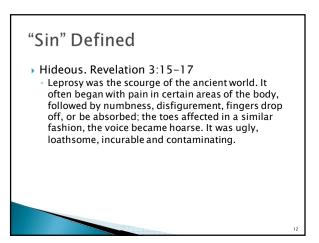
Failing to measure up to one's understanding is sin. James 4:17

- "Thou shalt not ..." cf. Exodus 20:13-17
- "Thou shalt ... " cf. Matthew 25:41-46

# "Sin" Defined

### Sin is like leprosy.

- It is deceptive. Hebrews 3:13
- It is often painless at first. cf. Luke 15:11-13
- It can be contagious. 1 Corinthians 15:33; cf. Brothers of Joseph. Genesis 37
- It separates. Leviticus 13:43-46, 52; Isaiah 59:1-2
- Friends, families, brethren, souls from God.



## "Sin" Defined

Leprosy described as hideous. Leviticus 13

- A swelling scab with a bright spot, which was turned white and eaten into the flesh. (verse 1-3)
- A disease that spreads over the body. (verse 8)
- A sore described as a boil. (verse 18)
- Very contagious, and deadly (verses 47-49).
   Luke 4:27 "And there were many lepers in Israel
- in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."
- Sin Is fatal. Genesis 2:18; James 1:13-15; Romans 6:23

# The Awfulness Of Sin Is Seen When One Considers What Sin Is Against

- Against God. Always known. Numbers 32:23; Luke 15:21
- Cost God His Son. John 3:16
- > Cost Jesus His life. 2 Corinthians 5:21

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### Against other people.

Galatians 5:19-21

 Consider adultery, incest, drunkenness, murder, etc.

### Against self.

Proverbs 6:27-28; 13:15; Galatians 6:7

# All Are Guilty

- Romans 3:9 "What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we before laid to the charge both of Jews and Greeks, that they are all under sin."
- » Romans 3:10 "as it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one."
- Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God"

