

Eisenhower Church of Christ

What is Sin?

What is sin? Sin may be doing wrong; equally, it may be not doing right. While being tempted is not sin, both doing wrong and contemplating wrong is sinful. While this first answer might sound a bit vague, the Bible is very specific about what sin is. That detail is provided by the Bible's simple descriptions of sin.

First, "all unrighteousness is sin" (I John 5:17). The statement sounds simple, and really, it actually is as simple as it sounds. That which is not righteous is necessarily unrighteous and all that is unrighteous is, therefore sin. The word "unrighteousness," the Greek *adikia*, is defined by Strong as "(legal) injustice (properly the quality, by implication the act); moral wrongfulness (of character, life or act): - iniquity, unjust, unrighteousness, wrong." Thayer more succinctly defined it "unrighteousness of heart and life." I John 5:17 reveals that doing wrong is sin.

Second, "sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). This statement, too, is as simple as it sounds. It differs from the first, though, by showing that there is a standard at play. There is a Divine Authority, God, and that Divine Authority has revealed to man the Standard under which man must live and by which he will be held accountable, the Bible. Sin is going beyond the law of the Standard, however: not all of the Bible serves as man's Standard today. There have been three time periods in man's history: first, that from the creation to the giving of the Law of Moses; second, that from Sinai until the Law of Christ was put into effect (Josh. 8:31; cf. Acts 13:38-39; and, third, the current one under the Law of Christ (Galatians 6:2). Man is only amenable to the Law of Christ; however, the Old Testament retains great value (Romans 5:4; cf. 3:1-2) - albeit without authority over Christians (Colossians 2:14). I John 3:17 reveals that violating God's law is sin.

Third, to know to do good, but not to do it is sin (James 4:17). This also is as simple as it sounds. Doing wrong is wrong and doing that which is forbidden is wrong; James added another important element: Not doing right is also wrong. Man has not only received "*Thou shalt nots*" but also "*Thou shalt*"; to not do the "*Thou shalt*" is equally sinful as committing the "*Thou shalt nots*"! The sinful world has clearly seen "the invisible things of [God] from creation," but does not know Him, has not glorified Him and has not been thankful [none of which are violations of "*Thou shalt nots*"]; rather, their lack of positive obedience has manifested itself in their disobedience— but even at the outset, they are "without excuse" (Romans 1:20:23). Matthew 25:41-46 well establishes the great necessity of doing good by imposing the penalty of eternal punishment for doing it not. James 4:17 reveals that not doing right is sin.

Fourth, "whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:23). In a context on conscience and scruples, there are instructions on how to handle the subject of eating meat which has been offered to idols [ultimately, in a companion passage, Paul concluded such eating was fine, since the idols were nothing and the false gods were nothing (I Corinthians 8:4)] Two things are especially important for the one considering eating of such: first, one must try not to "put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way" (Romans 14:13) - that is, not be the reason that the brother would be weakened or sin (Romans 14:21); second, one must make sure that he has not violated his own faith (Romans 14:22)- that is, if the one thinks there may be something wrong with eating such and would be violating his own conscience by doing such, he needed to avoid it (Romans 14:23). When one is not sure whether a certain course is safe or not, he should avoid it altogether if for no other reason than conscience-sake! Romans 14:23 reveals

that violating one's conscience is sin.

Sin is doing wrong; sin is violating God's law; sin is not doing right; and sin is violating one's own conscience. May these simple principles always be in the minds of the righteous.

—Daniel F. Cates

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Stanley Mitchell** (son of the late Loy Mitchell). Stan suffered a heart attack on February 15th in TN and passed away at 2:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 19th. Stan was the preacher at the Red Walnut Church of Christ in Bath Springs, TN and a professor at Freed-Hardeman College in Henderson. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Prayer Request

Letha Hooper is in need of prayers. She has been diagnosed with Bell's palsy.

Josh Weakland was under the weather with the flu with a temp of 102.7 last week.

LaDonna Chism was taken to Medical Center Hospital with the flu. She was to be released on the 19th.

Charles Wood is also down with the flu. Both LaDonna and Charles need our prayers.

Doc Phariss (nephew of Bill Butler) was admitted back into the Covenant Hospital in Lubbock again with A Fib and Respiratory problems. The family is requesting prayers for Doc that he will get a solution to his health issues.

Jon Cooper (Mildred Lee's son-in-law) who had his middle toe removed, due to diabetes, was able to go home the day of his surgery. Everything went well. The Coopers live in Coco, FL.

Paul Ketchell (LaVern Couch's brother-in-law) will undergo surgery February 26th. He has been diagnosed with cancer in his gums. Paul lives in New Mexico and is a member of the church in Farmington. Please keep him in your prayers that his surgery goes well and he will get good results.

Concerns Update

Jack Wright's angiogram done on the 13th went well. He received a good report.

Linda Tate goes for a consultation with the doctor concerning her upcoming eye surgery on Tuesday. Please continue to keep Linda in your prayers that all will go well and she receives a complete recovery.

Beth Ann Warren's morning sickness is improving.

Prayer List

Crissy Arroyo; Hank & Francis Averette; Brian Basaldua; Dennis Betts; Harshad Bhavsar; Bill Brown; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; Dana Erwin; Densell Fambro; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Wayne Gunn; Winford Hambright; Roberta Hamil; Letha Hooper; Jennifer Jones; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Carolyn Morrison; José Padilla; Sharion Price; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Janelle Shirley; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Verlie Snyder; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; John Wood.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

What do David, Saul and Solomon have in common?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Jesus said it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter heaven. (Mark 10:25)

Events

Watch *“In Search of the Lord’s Way”* every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the *“Speaking the Truth in Love”* program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Singing Seminar

Myron Bruce will be here to conduct a **“Singing Seminar”** on April 6th and 7th. Please plan to attend and learn more about how we can improve our singing in our worship unto the Lord.

Office News

The *“New Mexico Children’s Home”* will be here Tuesday, March 5th for a food pick up. They are requesting **Aluminum Foil**. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Fear of Death

What scares me to death about death is the fear that I’ll cease to be. It’s almost impossible to hand over your whole being to anyone, yet that’s what Christ asks us to do.

We’d like to remain ourselves, to do things our way, driven by our own ego. Unfortunately, that’s the very thing that Christ warns against because we are centered in the things that will destroy us.

Like the farmer, our soils, our dirt, has mostly thistles and weeds and we try and keep it cut short. But if we want to produce good, pure wheat, we have to plow up the field and let the freeze kill the roots so the wheat can grow.

Jesus plows deep into our souls so God’s goodness can flourish in our lives.

–Paul Faulkner

Bulletin Digest

February 24th, 2019

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	George Warren	Josh Wells
Second Prayer	Tom Sorenson	Jeff Wesson
Closing Prayer	Jackie Perkins	Jacob Carson

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)	<u>Rudy Ochoa</u>	
West...	Dan Igo	Richard Siler
	David Ryan	Communion
	Jackie Perkins	(In Library)
East...	Trinidad Wood	
	Bill Ryan	
	Jr. Munoz	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Larry May - 638-3990 *Deacon*;; Josh Wells 770-6753 *Pulpit*;; Scot Straw 288-4533 *Table*;; Richard Siler 556-22151– *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Sermons*; Tommy Garcia 638-2702 *Collections*: Tommy Garcia

Sunday AM

“ABC’s of Conflict”
(James 1:2-12)

Sunday PM

“Understanding the Basics of Conflict”
(James 1:2-12)