



Bible Definitions of Sin

Sin is a topic which seems to occupy the minds of people who are trying to do the right things in their lives. When someone uses the word sin, what does it mean to you? You might be surprised what the Bible says concerning the topic of sin. We thought you might like to know how the Bible defines sin and where some of the references are. The Scriptures say:

- *Perverting things that are right*

JOB 33:27 He looketh upon men, and if any say, **I have sinned**, and **perverted that which was right**..

- *Sin is not just something you do— it can be the words you speak.*

PSA 36:3 **The words of his mouth are iniquity** (sin) and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.

- *Rebelling against God*

ISA 15:23 For **rebellion** is as the sin of witchcraft, and **stubbornness** is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

- *Breaking (transgressing - disobeying) God's Commandments or laws*

ISA 15:24 And Saul said unto Samuel, **I have sinned**: for **I have transgressed the commandment** of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

1JO 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law**.

ROM 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not **sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression**, who is the figure of him that was to come.

- *Despising one's neighbor*

PRO 14:21 **He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth**: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.

- *Pride and arrogance*

PRO 21:4 An **high look**, and a **proud heart**, and the **plowing of the wicked, is sin**.

- *Foolish Thoughts*

PRO 24:9 **The thought of foolishness is sin**: and the scorner is an abomination to men.

- *Things that are done with a weak conscience*

ROM 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for **whatsoever is not of faith is sin**.

- *Respecting someone for what they have rather than treating all people equally*

JAM 2:9 But **if ye have respect to persons, ye comm it sin**, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

- *Knowing what you should do and not doing it*

JAM 4:17 Therefore to him that **knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin**.

- *Things that are not done righteously (God's righteousness)*

1Jo 5:17 **All unrighteousness** is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

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