

The Doctrine of Sin

- I. The Definition and Meaning of Sin.
 - A. Hamartema--"to miss a mark" (Rom. 3:23).
 - B. Parabasis--"to overstep a forbidden line" (1 Jn. 3:4; Acts 1:25; Jas. 2:11).

- II. The Origin of Sin.
 - A. The origin of sin into the universe (Eze. 28:11-19; Isa. 14:12-15; Lk. 10:18; 1 Jn. 3:8; Rev. 12:3-4).
 - B. The origin of sin into the world (Gen. 2:16-17; 3:6; Rom. 5:12; 1 Cor. 15:22).

- III. The Nature of Sin.
 - A. Sin is not eternal.
 - B. Sin is not merely the absence of good.
 - C. Sin is not simply the weakness or frailty of the human flesh.
 - D. Sin has no standard of its own.
 - E. Sin and evil cannot really manifest themselves as such, but must (to some extent) be disguised as good.
 - F. Sin must not only disguise itself as the good, but must also actually connect itself to the good.
 - G. A feature of evil not usually considered is that it must often strive against itself.
 - H. Sin is not always the exact same thing as evil (Isa. 45:7).

- IV. The Universality of Sin.
 - A. The testimony of history.
 - B. The testimony of conscience.
 - C. The testimony of religions.
 - D. The testimony of the Scriptures.
 - 1. General statements concerning the sinfulness of man (1 Ki. 8:46; Prov. 20:9; Jer. 17:9; Eccl. 7:20; Isa. 53:6; 64:6; Rom. 3:23; Gal. 3:22; Jas. 3:2; 1 Jn. 1:8, 10).
 - 2. Personal statements concerning the sinfulness of man.
 - a. Pharaoh (Ex. 9:27; 10:16).
 - b. Balaam (Num. 22:34).
 - c. Achan (Josh. 7:20).
 - d. Saul (1 Sam. 26:21).
 - e. David (2 Sam. 12:13; 24:10).
 - f. Job (Job 7:29; 27:6; 40:3; 42:6).
 - g. The prodigal son (Lk. 15:21).
 - h. Judas (Mt. 27:4).
 - E. The testimony of our children.

- V. The Exceeding Sinfulness of Sin.
 - A. The angelic proof (Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:11-19; 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6).
 - B. The human proof (Rom. 6:23).
 - C. The divine proof (Jn. 3:16).

- VI. The Consequences of Sin.
 - A. Upon Lucifer.
 - 1. Immediate consequences (Eze. 28:17; Rev. 12:3-4).
 - 2. Future consequences (Mt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10).
 - B. Upon man.
 - 1. Physical death (Gen. 5:5; Ps. 90:10; Jn. 19:30).
 - 2. Spiritual death (Mt. 7:23; 25:41; Rev. 2:11; 20:6, 14; 21:8).
 - C. Upon nature (Gen. 3:18; Rom. 8:19-22).
 - D. Upon the holy angels (1 Cor. 4:9; 1 Tim. 5:21; Gal. 3:19; 1 Pet. 1:12; Heb. 1:14).
 - E. Upon God himself (Jn. 5:17; 9:4; Phil. 1:6).

- VII. The Imputation of Sin.
 - A. The liberal position.
 - B. The Pelagian position.
 - C. The Arminian position.
 - D. The Augustinian position (Rom. 5:12, 18).

- VIII. The Kinds of Sin (Jas. 2:10; Lk. 12:47-48).
 - A. Sins of ignorance (Lk. 23:34; Jn. 19:11; Rom. 2:12; 1 Tim. 1:12-13).

- B. Sins of infirmity (Ps. 19:12; 103:10, 14; Rom. 8:26; 14:23; 15:1; Mt. 26:41).
- C. Sins of carelessness (Ps. 39:1; Deut. 11:16; 1 Cor. 8:9; 10:12; Heb. 2:1).
- D. Sins of presumption (Ps. 19:13; 2 Pet. 2:10; Rom. 1:32).
- E. The unpardonable sin (Mt. 12:31-32).
- F. The sin unto death (1 Cor. 11:30; 1 Jn. 5:16).

IX. The Metaphors of Sin.

- A. Sin is poisonous, like a viper (Ps. 140:3; Mt. 23:33).
- B. Sin is stubborn, like a mule (Job 11:12).
- C. Sin is cruel, like a bear (Dan. 7:5).
- D. Sin is destructive, like a canker worm (Joel 2:25).
- E. Sin is unclean, like a wild dog (Prov. 26:11).
- E. Sin is cunning, like a fox (Lk. 13:32).
- G. Sin is fierce, like a wolf (Jn. 10:12).
- H. Sin devours, like a lion (Ps. 22:13; Dan. 7:4).
- I. Sin is filthy, like a swine (2 Pet. 2:22).

X. The Christian's Sin.

- A. The fact of sin (1 Jn. 1:8).
- B. The effect of sin.
 - 1. The loss of light (1 Jn. 1:5-6).
 - 2. The loss of joy (Ps. 51:12; Jn. 15:11; Gal. 5:22; 1 Jn. 1:4).
 - 3. The loss of peace (1 Jn. 3:4-10).
 - 4. The loss of love (1 Jn. 2:5, 15-17; 4:12).
 - 5. The loss of fellowship (1 Jn. 1:3, 6-7).
 - 6. The loss of confidence (1 Jn. 3:19-22).
 - 7. The possible loss of health and even physical life (1 Cor. 11:30).
- C. The preventives against sin.
 - 1. The Word of God (Ps. 119:11; Jn. 15:7; 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).
 - 2. The intercession of the Son of God (Lk. 22:32; Jn. 17:15; Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:23-25).
 - 3. The ministry of the Spirit of God (Zech. 4:6; Jn. 7:37-39).
- D. The remedy for sin (1 Jn. 1:9; 1 Cor. 11:31-32).

XI. The Reasons for Sin (Rom. 5:20; Eph. 2:5, 7).

XII. The Ultimate and Final Victory over Sin (1 Cor. 15:25-28; Heb. 12:22-24; 2 Pet. 3:7-13; Rev. 20:11-15).