

## What Missionary Baptists Believe About...

### The Doctrine of Sin

What do we believe about sin? A correct understanding of this question is necessary to fully comprehend the plan of salvation.

\*\*Where does sin come from? What is sin like? What is the result of sin in a person's life?

There are some important truths about this subject that we all should be grounded in.

\*\*The origin of sin, the nature of sin, the consequence of sin and the extent of sin.

#### I. THE ORIGIN OF SIN

1. Sin entered the human race through the man Adam. Rom 5:12; Gen 3:1-6
  - a. Through deception. I Tim 2:14
  - b. Through man's disobedience. Rom 5:19
  - c. Through the serpent's enticement. Gen 3:1-6
  - d. Through subtle working of Satan. II Cor 11:3
2. Sin finds its origin in Satan. Is 14:12-17; Ez 28:17
  - a. Jesus declared that he is the father of lies & a murderer. John 8:44
  - b. Satan was the first in whom iniquity was found. Ez 28:15

#### II. THE NATURE OF SIN

1. Sin, in its nature, is anti-God in every aspect. Rom 7:14-23
  - a. It is against all that is for God, and for all that is against God.
  - b. It is rebellious to every Divine Law.
  - c. It can only express itself in direct opposition to God's law. I John 3:4; Rom 4:15
2. Sin means to miss the mark of the Divine standard.
  - a. Judas missed the mark of love, and he had a "point-blank" shot at it. Mt 27:4
  - b. The prodigal son missed the mark of contentment by choosing his own will & way. Luke 15:17,21
  - c. The adulterous woman missed the mark of purity by her sin. John 8:3,4,11
  - d. Israel missed the mark of God's rest by their unbelief. Heb 3:17
  - e. The heretic misses the mark of God's truth by his own error. Titus 3:10,11
3. Sin is a distortion, a perversion, a bending of that which is right.
  - a. II Sam 24:17 "done wickedly" = to distort, make crooked, pervert.
  - b. Ps 106:6
4. Sin is a deviation, a lapse, a falling aside from God's requirement, a trespass.
  - a. Every offense against God's Word means a fall from God, and damage to us and to others. Rom 4:25; 5:15-21
  - b. Every trespass is a falling aside from God, only he can forgive
  - c. Mt 6:15; II Cor 5:19; Eph 1:7; Col 2:13
5. Sin is passing over the boundary of God's law. I John 3:4 – transgress = to pass beyond, over limits, violate.
  - a. God says, "Do this & don't do that," and we say "I don't have to & I will if I want to!"

- b. Num 22:18; 24:12,13 – Balaam understood the boundary.
- c. I Sam 15:24 – Saul didn't heed to God's boundary.

### III. THE CONSEQUENCE OF SIN

1. It tries to rule the body it indwells. Rom 6:12,17

To accomplish this, sin has:

- a. Dulled the ears of man's attention. Acts 28:27; Heb 5:11-12
  - b. Darkened the eyes of man's understanding. Eph 4:18
  - c. Depraved the heart of man's affection. Mt 13:15
  - d. Diverted the feet of man's walk. Is 53:6
  - e. Carnalized the thought of man's mind. Rom 8:7
  - f. Warped the capacity of man's intellect. I Cor 2:9-14
  - g. Wronged the soul of man's nature. Prov 8:36
  - h. Poisoned the tongue of man's speech. Rom 3:13,14
  - i. Stopped the labor of man's hands. Prov 21:25
  - j. Deadened the spirit of man's being. Rom 5:12
  - k. Deprived man of the comfort of God's home. Luke 15:32
  - l. And has placed man in the devil's grip of power. Eph 2:2
2. Sin has lead into rebellion against God's law by omitting his divine commands. James 4:17
  3. It has marred, ruined, and corrupted all aspects of society.
    - a. Evident in morals, crime, war, etc..
  4. The final consequence of sin is death, both spiritually & physically. Rom 6:15,21,23; Ez 18:4; James 1:14-16

### IV. THE EXTENT OF SIN

1. Sin has affected the whole race of man. Gen 6:12; Ps14:3; Is 53:6
  - a. In every age from the beginning of the world till now.
  - b. In every land under the sun.
  - c. In every race into which mankind has been divided.
  - d. In every situation in which an individual has found himself.
2. It has affected the angels. II Pet 2:4
3. It has affected the earth, causing it to be placed under a curse. Gen 3:17,18
4. It has affected the animal world. Their nature shall be changed when Christ rules on the earth. Is 11:6-9.

CONCLUSION: We believe that sin is a terrible pollution to man. It is the transgression of God's law. (I John 3:4) We believe that man's victory over sin is through the death & resurrection of Jesus Christ. II Cor 5:21; Rom 7:24,25; I Cor 15:54-57.