

Ezekiel 18:20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

SIN DIRECTLY DEFINED IN SCRIPTURE

1. **Proverbs 24:9 - The Thought of Foolishness is Sin**
The thought of foolishness *is* sin: and the scorner *is* an abomination to men.
2. **1 John 3:4 - The Transgression of the Law is Sin**
Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.
3. **1 John 5:17 - Unrighteousness is Sin**
All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.
4. **Romans 14:23 - Unbelief is Sin**
And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith: for whatsoever *is* not of faith is sin.
5. **James 4:17 - Not Doing Good is Sin**
Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.
6. **Proverbs 21:4 - Doing Good may be Sin (a sinner can do nothing but sin!)**
An high look, and a proud heart, *and* the plowing of the wicked, *is* sin.

FOUR TYPES OF SIN

1. **TRANSGRESSION: A Step - The Line In The Sand**

- OT. **TRANSGRESSION - PEH-shah - “to be rebellious”**
Psalm 36:1 - To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David the servant of the LORD. The **transgression** of the wicked saith within my heart, *that there is* no fear of God before his eyes.
- NT. **ham-AR-tay-mah (4x) - “to commit an act of disobedience”**
1 Corinthians 6:18 - Flee fornication. Every **sin** that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.
- NT. **par-ab-AH-ee-no (16x) - “to step over a boundary”**
2 John 9 - Whosoever **transgresseth**, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

2. **TRESPASS: A Slip - The Banana Peel**

- OT. **TRESPASS - aw-SHAM - “to be guilty”**
Leviticus 5:17-19 - And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he wist *it* not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity. And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred and wist *it* not, and it shall be forgiven him. It *is* a **trespass** offering: he hath certainly trespassed against the LORD.
- NT. **par-AP-to-mah (23x) - “to unintentionally slip or lapse”**
Matthew 6:15 - But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your **trespasses**.
- NT. **ag-NO-ay-mah (1x) - “to ignorantly make an error”**
Hebrews 9:7 - But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the **errors** of the people:

3. **INIQUITY: A Separation - The Crowbar**

OT. **INIQUITY - aw-VONE - “to be perverse”**

Isaiah 59:2 - But your **iniquities** have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

NT. **an-om-EE-ah OR par-an-om-EE-ah (16x) - “to violate God’s law”**

Matthew 7:23 - And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work **iniquity**.

NT. **par-ak-OO-o (5x) - “to be careless in hearing the Word of God”**

Matthew 18:17 - And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he **neglect to hear** the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

4. **SIN: A Shortfall - The Canyon**

OT. **SIN - khaw-TAW - “to be lacking”**

Leviticus 4:27 - And if any one of the common people **sin** through ignorance, while he doeth *somewhat against* any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and be guilty;

NT. **HAYT-tay-mah (2x) - “to deteriorate”**

1 Corinthians 6:7 - Now therefore there is utterly a **fault** among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather *suffer yourselves to be defrauded?*

NT. **ham-ar-TEE-ah (174x) - “to miss a mark, seek to attain beyond your capability”**

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of **sin** *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Everyone is a sinner!

- Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

There is only one cure for sin: *It has to be covered!*

- You can try to cover it yourself, like Achan (Joshua 7:20-21) or Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5:9-10) - OR, you can ask Jesus to cover it!

Jesus’ blood is the only substance with power to cover sin.

- **A Redemption - “to purchase one out of the slave market”**

Titus 2:14 - Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

- **A Ransom - “the price paid to release a slave”**

Matthew 20:28 - Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

- **A Substitution - “to be put in the place of another”**

Romans 5:8 - But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

- **A Reconciliation - “to bring together those who are enemies”**

Hebrews 2:17 - Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

- **A Propitiation - “to offer a sacrifice of sufficient value in order to appease wrath”**

1 John 2:1-2 - My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of the whole world*.

- **An Atonement - “to cover”**

Romans 5:10-11 - For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.