

So Nobody's Perfect

Decide if the following statements are true or false (T or F):

- A. ___ Some sins are worse than others.
B. ___ Sins in the mind are not as bad as actually doing them.
C. ___ Since God forgives sins, they really aren't that big a deal
- D. ___ If a sin doesn't hurt anyone, it's not really a sin.
E. ___ Christians do not sin on purpose.
F. ___ Eventually we will always pay for our sins.
G. ___ Sin is different for different people.

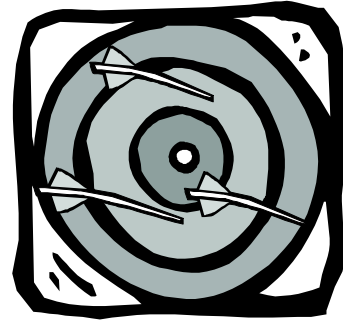
DEFINING SIN

How does the Bible describe sin in Romans 3:23?

How is missing the mark like being human?

*Definition: Sin is choosing to go our own way independent of God.
We can do this either in our actions or in our attitudes.*

Give an example of an attitude that is sin:



THE SOURCE OF OUR SIN

The first person who ever sinned was Adam and Eve. Read about their story in Genesis 3:1-19.

What did Adam and Eve decide to do, obey God or disobey God?

President Analogy

The first person ever created made a decision about sin or obeying God that has affected everyone else born after him. Adam was the federal head of the human race. He is our first forefather. Just as we inherit characteristics such as intellect, coloring, body size, athletic ability, etc. from our parents, mankind inherited its fallen, corrupt nature from Adam.

THE EXTENT OF OUR SIN

The Bible describes this corrupt nature from God's point of view in Psalm 53:1-3

How does the Psalmist describe our fallen condition in this passage?

How deep does sin go in us?

Matthew 15:19-20 _____

Luke 6:45 _____

Sin goes into our innermost beings. It is human nature to love sin and hate God.

Look in today's newspaper and see if you can find evidence of man's corrupt sinful nature.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR SIN

Because Adam failed the test in the garden of Eden, he brought death to all humanity that followed him.

How does Romans 5:12 describe what happened?

What are the consequences of our sin in Romans 6:23?

The Bible describes this death as having three parts:

1. Immediate **spiritual** death (separation from God)
2. The beginning of **physical** death (the minute we are born, we begin to die)
3. Ultimate **eternal** death (Hell)

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