

# Message Notes

*"What is Sin, Anyway?"*

# Scripture Passages

*(taken from the New International Version)*

**Introduction** - "I am a poster child for grace!"

**What is Sin?** A buggy ride through the Bible toward a definition of Sin

## I. How Sin entered the world

### **1. The One and Only Law Given to Adam**

Genesis 2:16, 17

### **2. The One and Only Law is Broken by Adam and Eve**

Genesis 3:1-6

## II. How Sin spread through the OT

### **1. Sin is "crouching" at your door**

Genesis 4:3-7

### **2. Sin spreads and has a cumulative factor**

Genesis 15:12-16

### **3. The clearest "standards" of what holiness requires**

Exodus 20:1-17

### **4. The EXACT OPPOSITE of holy living**

Exodus 32:1-10

### **5. Following the holiness of God brings blessings; Disobedience will have consequences**

Deuteronomy 30:1-6

### **6. Sinful living increases throughout the rest of the Old Testament**

Judges 2:11, 2:19, 21:25

### **7. Even the "major hero" of the Old Testament is an Adulterer and Murderer**

2 Samuel 12:1-9

## III. Finally, the people of the OT are punished

**1. Sin is violent, shameful, lying, unjust, ruining and destructive with the result being separation from God**

Isaiah 59:1-8

**2. Sin is MUCH MORE than just disobedience - there is actually something wrong with us**

Jeremiah 2:9-13

## IV. Jesus' Teachings on Sin

**1. Jesus is the Answer to our sin problem... He will "take away" our sin!!**

John 1:29

**2. And yet, Jesus has radical things to say about sinful living**

Matthew 5:27-30

## V. Paul's theology of sin in Seven Parts

**Part One - Sin is defined as an "exchange" of God to idols**

Romans 1:18-32

**Part Two - this has led all of us to "fall short of the glory of God"**

Romans 3:23

**Part Three - This happens not only because we are sinners by choice. It is part of our inheritance from Adam (Original Sin)**

Romans 5:15, 16

**Part Four - The person who has trusted Christ is freed not only from the penalty of sin, but also from the power of sin**

Romans 6:1, 2

**Part Five - If you work at sin, you will get paid for your labor!**

Romans 6:23a

**Part Six - Even though it is a defeated foe, sin is not going down easier**

Romans 7:19-23

**Part Seven - For the Christian, there is NEVER an excuse to fall into sin**

1 Corinthians 10:13, 14

## VI. Other NT writers views of sin

**1. Sin for the believer is THE dangerous journey - sin is harsh, powerful, deceptive and bloodthirsty. You are at war with it.**

Hebrews 3:12-14

**2. Everyone of us WILL wrestle with sin**

1 John 1:8-10

### **3. The Sin Cycle**

James 1:13-15

**4. James' simple definition of sin**

James 4:17

**5. John's simple definition of sin**

1 John 3:4-6

## VII. The Death of Sin!

**1. Jesus Christ is THE victor and destroyer of sin!**

Revelation 1:5, 6

**2. There will come a day where there is no more death, mourning, crying or pain!**

Revelation 21:3, 4

**3. See ya, CURSE!**

Revelation 22:1-3

**Application** - *Sin knows you...will you take time to know sin?*