

## **MANY IDEAS AS TO WHAT IS SIN**

**There are many ideas in the world as to what is sin. The deist says that sin is dishonesty, a lack of patriotism, honor, and manliness. Those who have little idea as to what constitutes religion will tell you that sin is murder, adultery, robbery, and crime. But what does the word of God define it to be? John writes, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law." Without the law we have no knowledge of what sin is. - ST August 13, 1894**

## **WHAT IS SIN?**

**What is sin? John defines it in these words, "Whoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law." - Ms 47-1886**

**And what is sin? Let the word of God answer: "Sin is the transgression of the law," 1 John 3:4. - BEcho August 5, 1895**

**"What is sin, that it should require such a sacrifice for the redemption of its victim?" John, the beloved disciple, declares that "whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law." - RH, April 1, 1890**

**"What is sin?" The Bible gives the definition: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" [1 John 3:4]. - 5MR 260**

**What is iniquity? Sin. And what is sin? Sin, says the beloved John, is the transgression of the law. - Ms 5-1885**

**Well, then, what is sin?...There is no definition given in our world but that transgression is the transgression of the law; and therefore he (the sinner) finds out what sin is. - 1888 537**

**"What is sin?" The Bible gives the definition: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4. The law of God is the rule of our life. - Ms 38-1886**

**What is sin? The Lord defines it as "the transgression of the law." - Lt 38-1906**

## **THE ONLY DEFINITION**

**\*It is the privilege of every sinner to ask his teacher what sin really is. Give me a definition of sin. We have one in 1 John 3. "Sin is the transgression of the law." Now this is the only definition of sin in the whole Bible. - MS 10-1894**

**\*"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." This is the only definition of sin given in the Holy Scriptures, and we should seek to understand what sin is, lest any of us be found in opposition to the God of heaven. - RH July 15, 1890**

**\*What is to bring the sinner to the knowledge of his sins unless he knows what sin is? The only definition of sin in the Word of God is given us in 1 John 3:4. "Sin is the transgression of the law." - MS 53-1890**

**What is sin? The only definition that is given to you in the word of God, is, "Sin is the transgression of the law." The apostle says, "Where no law is, there is no transgression." - RH June 10, 1890**

**The only definition we find in the Bible for sin is that "sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). - ST Dec.5, 1892**

**"Sin is the transgression of the law." This is the only definition of sin. Without the law there can be no transgression. "By the law is the knowledge of sin." - MS 27-1899**

**And what is sin? The only definition given in God's word is, "Sin is the transgression of the law;" and the apostle Paul declares, "Where no law is, there is no transgression." - BEcho June 11, 1894**

**And what is sin? The only definition given in God's word is, "Sin is the transgression of the law." - ST November 24, 1887**

**The only definition of sin given in the Bible is: "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4) - MS 81-1886**

**The only definition given in the word of God as to what is sin, is found in 1 John 3:4: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law." - ST January 8, 1894**

**What is sin? The only definition of sin is that it is the transgression of the law. - Ms 8-1888**

**And what is sin? "Sin is the transgression of the law." [1 John 3:4.] That is the only definition of sin in the Bible. - Ms 20-1894**

**What is sin? The only definition the Bible gives is "the transgression of the law." - Ms 198-1898**

**And what is sin? The only testimony in the Bible is [that] it is the transgression of the law. - Ms 12-1895**

***CLEAR, PLANE, DECIDED AND TRUE***

**What is sin? John tells us in plain, decided language: "Sin is the transgression of the law." - RH June 30, 1910**

**The plain statements of the word of God declare that "sin is the transgression of the law." - ST July 6, 1888**

**In the clear light of the Word of God, we may read plainly the meaning of sin. John declares that sin is "the transgression of the law." - MS 51-1902**

**Ministers who exhort sinners to be converted should distinctly define what sin is....Sin is the transgression of the law....The apostle gives us the true definition of sin. "Sin is the transgression of the law." - RH, March 4, 1875**

**Since the fall of Adam, it has been the fashion of the world to sin, and it is for our interest to know what sin is. John declares: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin." The information is plainly given that sin is the transgression of the law. - YI October 20, 1898**

## **DOES IT REALLY MATTER?**

**How can those who minister in word and doctrine call upon the sinner to repent of his sins, and yet not explain to him or define what sin is? Sin is the transgression of the law. The sinner may well ask, "Sir, tell me, if you please, what is sin of which I am called upon to repent?" We must know of what we are required to repent. If there is no moral standard which**

**defines sin and which we can present to the sinner, then he is left in the dark, as far as an intelligent knowledge of [what] sin is. - Lt 16-1892**

**The sinner cannot be convinced of his guilt unless he understands what constitutes sin. - RH March 8, 1881**

**While we point the sinner to Jesus as the one who can take away sin, we must explain to him what sin is, and show him that he can be saved from his sins, but not in them. He must be made to realize that "sin is the transgression of the law." - ST September 4, 1884**

**Sinners must know what is sin before they can have a desire to be rid of sin. It is a matter of eternal interest that we do not misconceive this vital question. When appeals are made in the pulpits of our land, and sinners are invited to repent and to be converted, it is the privilege of the sinner to inquire, What is sin? This we must know, for it is at the peril of our souls that we continue in sin. The apostle gives us light on this subject, and says, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law." - ST October 1, 1894**

**A terrible doom awaits the sinner, and therefore it is necessary that we know what sin is, in order that we may escape from its power. John says, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law." Here we have the true definition of sin; it is "the transgression of the law." How often the sinner is urged to leave his sins, and come to Jesus; but has the messenger who would lead him to Christ clearly pointed out the way? Has he clearly pointed out the fact that "sin is the transgression of the law," and that he must repent, and forsake the breaking of God's commandments?...Man's conscience has become hardened by sin, and his understanding darkened by transgression, and his judgment has become confused as to what is sin. He has become benumbed by the influence of iniquity, and it is essential that his conscience be aroused to understand that sin is the transgression of God's holy law. - ST June 20, 1895**

**When the Jews rejected Christ they rejected the foundation of their faith. And, on the other hand, the Christian world of today who claim faith in Christ, but reject the law of God are making a mistake similar to that of the deceived Jews. Those who profess to cling to Christ, centering their hopes on him, while they pour contempt upon the moral law, and the prophecies, are in no safer position than were the unbelieving Jews. They cannot understandingly call sinners to repentance, for they are unable to properly explain what they are to repent of. The sinner, upon being exhorted to forsake his sins, has a right to ask, What is sin? Those who respect the law of God can answer, Sin is the transgression of the law. In**

**confirmation of this the apostle Paul says, I had not known sin but by the law. - ST March 14, 1878**

**How true this is! Sin is the transgression of the law of God; and those who will not accept the light in regard to the law of God will not understand the proclamation of the first, second, and third angel's messages. - TM 115**

## **IF HE IS A TRUE SHEPHERD**

**Well, what is sin? Every minister in our land is obliged to tell him, (The sinner) if they are true shepherds, what sin is. John says, "Sin is the transgression of the law," and the Word of God declares that where there is no [law], there is no transgression. [1 John 3:4; Romans 4:15.] - Ms 43-1894**

## **THE CROSS OF CHRIST A LIVING TESTIMONY**

**The atonement was made to take away the sin of the world. The suffering of Christ upon the cross is a living testimony borne to all human intelligences that sin is the transgression of the law. - ST August 4, 1898**

## **NO LAW, NO SIN**

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**Without the law there could be no transgression; for "sin is the transgression of the law." "By the law is the knowledge of sin." - RH April 23, 1901**

**How could we know what sin is, unless we could look into the law of God? John, the beloved disciple, defines sin as the "transgression of the law." He says, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law, for sin is the transgression of the law." - ST May 27, 1889**

**Those who profess to be ministers of God, yet teach the people that God's holy law has no longer any claims upon them, are working directly against Christ. They say to the sinner, You are no longer under the terror of Sinai, and the bondage of the law; only come to Jesus, and believe in him and you will be saved. But how can these teachers define sin to their**

hearers? The apostle Paul gives us this definition, "Sin is the transgression of the law." - ST  
March 7, 1878

## EXTRAS

The law and the gospel cannot be separated. In Christ mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. The gospel has not ignored the obligations due to God by man. The gospel is the law unfolded, nothing more nor less. It gives no more latitude to sin than does the law. The law points to Christ; Christ points to the law. The gospel calls men to repentance. Repentance of what?—Of sin. And what is sin?—It is the transgression of the law. Therefore the gospel calls men from their transgression back to obedience to the law of God. Jesus, in His life and death, taught the strictest obedience. He died, the just for the unjust, the innocent for the guilty, that the honour of God's law might be preserved, and yet man not utterly perish. - BEcho February 8, 1897