

Q14. What is sin?

A14. **Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.**

Scripture References: 1 John 3:4; James 4:17, 2:10; Romans 3:23, 4:5

DQ1: How is sin revealed?

DQ2: Who made the law?

DQ3: How should God's law be observed?

Notes:

Sin is revealed when measured against the law of God. God has established an acceptable standard and every man must satisfy the requirements of God's law. God's laws are perfect and were made for the benefit of man. Yet, God is neither the creator or originator sin. Man was given clear choices of obedience and disobedience. Sin is a direct consequence of man's disobedience. This is why 1 John 3:4 says breaking of the law is sin.

One can sin by doing the wrong things as well as by failing to do the right things.

One can sin by actions as well as by thoughts.

One can sin by being destructive of God's desired order as well as by failing to uphold God's order and walking away.

One can sin, among other things, in his head, by his hands and feet and through his eyes.

One can sin by not loving others as well as by loving those whom one must not love.

One can sin ignoring sin as well as pretend to know something he does not know.

One can sin by blaming and being jealous of others.

One can sin by acting and thinking against one's conscience.

One can sin by not acknowledging sin.

One can sin by not knowing God or by claiming that there no God.

One can sin by damaging any part of "Shalom" between God and man or by stirring up or generating conflict between God and man to any degree.

One can sin by breaking the tiniest part of God's law or by failing to perfectly satisfy God's law.

One can sin by missing the mark of God's law as an arrow would miss the target.

One can sin by making attempts or efforts to perfectly satisfy God's law.

One can sin by ignore God's ways or trying to satisfy God's law by his way.

One can sin by considering his things more important than God's things.

One can sin by considering himself more important than God.

One can sin by not forgiving.

One can sin by not asking for forgiveness.

One can sin by being proud.

One can sin by going ahead of God.

One can sin by not having time for consider God's heart.

One can sin by acting as if God does not exist.

One can sin by a momentary lapse of acknowledging God.

One can sin by cease praying.

Sin wrecks havoc in our lives.

You can list any other sins that you can think of here:

Finally, we must know that it is sin even if we come short of the desires of God by 0.00001%. This is why sin is tremendously burdensome. Sin brings upon us pain and suffering. Sin is bad.

What did king David said about sin? (Psalm 51)

We live in the culture that has become numb to sin as illustrated by the following examples: first, our culture does not call homosexuality sin and chastise those who it sin. (Romans 1:27) and, second, our culture does not call disobedience of children as sin and regards the parents that demand obedience as abnormal. (Romans 1:30; 2 Timothy 3:2)

Because we have become so numb to the sinfulness or wickedness of sin, we treat the law of God with contempt. We must be able to point to sin as sin.