

1 BIBLE BASICS

2 Review of Man's Fall

- 1 Describe some of man's qualities in his original state
Innocent, God's image, reflection of God, communion with God, walked with God
How did man's innocence come sort of God's character?
God cannot sin
- 2 In what 3 ways was Eve tempted?
Lust of flesh, eyes, pride of life
Name some of the immediate affects of sin
Death, nakedness, shame, fear, blame
What are the major consequences of sin on the human race?
Curses, loss of God's fellowship, death

3 Sin

What does God tell us about the doctrine of sin?

4 The Standard of Right

- To distinguish between right and wrong, good and bad, truth and error, there must be a standard, an absolute. These concepts cannot be relative. Relative opinions, feelings and beliefs all change.
- The standard must be eternal, perfect, unchanging, all-knowing and all-wise.
- Jehovah God is the only being who meets these qualifications.
- He has expressed his absolute truth in the Bible (i.e., laws, testimonies, statutes [principles], commandments, fearfulness, judgments, Ps 19:7-9)

5 Sin Defined

- Sin is anything contrary to God's truth.
- Sin is "any thought, word, desire, action, or omission of action, contrary to the law of God, or defective when compared with it." American Tract Bible Society Dictionary

6 Sin's Nature Described

- Sin is missing the mark of God's standard (Luk 15:18)
- Sin is a fall from God's requirement, being at fault (Gal 6:1)
- Sin is a twisting of what God said is right, being unjust (1Pe 3:18)
- Sin is breaking or violating God's law (Rom 2:23)
- Sin is ungodliness, lack of reverence for God (Rom 1:18)
- Sin is disobedience, (Rom 5:19 ; 2Th 1:8-9)
- Sin is iniquity, contempt and violation of law (Mat 7:23)
- Sin is rebellion against God, also transgression (Isa 1:2; Psa 37:38)
- Sin is doing evil though ignorant, error (Heb 9:7)

7 The Origin of Sin

- From the activity of Satan in the Garden of Eden, we know sin existed **before** Eve and Adam sinned.
- Sin likely began when Lucifer rebelled against God (Isaiah 14:12-14 and Ezekiel 28). That probably took place after Creation but before Genesis 3.
- God is NOT the author of sin. Satan is the author of sin. (James 1:13) "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man."

8 Sin Entered the Human Race in Genesis 3

- Satan tempted Eve with the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life (compare 1John 2:15-16).
- Eve, being deceived, yielded to temptation.
- She gave the fruit to Adam who was with her.
- Adam was not deceived, but wilfully sinned by disobeying God.

9 Sin is Now Universal

- All humans have inherited a sin nature (Rom 5:19; Eph 2:3)
- All humans have sinned personally by choice (Ecc 7:20; Rom 3:10, 23).

10 The Consequences of Sin

- Robbed God of His rightful glory. He created man to glorify Him.
- Broke man's fellowship with God.
- Ended man's innocence and passed the sin nature to all offspring.
- Made humans selfish and unloving.
- Necessitated Calvary's cross to redeem humans.

11 The Penalty of Sin

- The penalty of sin is death (Gen 2:17).
 - ▷ Every human is born spiritually dead (Rom 5:12). He has no spiritual fellowship with God.
 - ▷ Physical death is the separation of man's spirit from his body. For Christians it is being absent from the body and present with the Lord (2Co 5:8). For unbelievers it is going to hell (Lu 16:22-23).
 - ▷ Eternal death is the separation of man's spirit from God eternally in the lake of fire (2The 1:8-9; Rev 21:8).

12 God's Solution for Sin

- Christ died for our sins (1Pe 3:18).
- To escape the penalty of sin, we must repent and place our faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ for our sin (Acts 3:19) "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out."
- For sins after salvation, we must confess and forsake them to once again enjoy God's forgiveness and fellowship (1John 1:9) "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (cf., Pro 28:13)

13 Review of Sin

1 Why is God the only being qualified to be the standard of right?

He alone is eternal, perfect, unchanging, all-knowing and all-wise.

What is sin?

Sin is anything contrary to God's truth.

What are some things that describe the nature of sin?

2 *Missing the mark, violation, fault, unjust, disobedience, rebellion, error*

Name some consequences of sin.

Robbed God's glory, broke fellowship, ended innocence, selfish & unloving, necessitated Calvary

Name three kinds of death

Spiritual, physical, eternal

14 **Let's Get Practical**

■ How can we be sure that relativism is wrong and that God is the only absolute?

■ How do the consequences of sin affect our lives?