

# Sin!

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SIN *n.* AMERICAN DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE by Noah Webster 1828  
[Sax. *sin* or *syn*; G. *sunde*; Dan. *synd* ; Ir. *sainim*, to alter, to vary, to sunder. The primary sense is probably to depart, to wander.]

1. The voluntary departure of a moral agent from a known rule of rectitude or duty, prescribed by God; and voluntary transgression of the divine law, or violation of a divine command ; a wicked act ; iniquity. Sin is either a positive act in which a known divine law is violated, or it is the voluntary neglect to obey a positive divine command, or a rule of duty clearly implied in such a command. Sin comprehends not actions only, but neglect of known duty, all evil thoughts, purposes, words and desires, whatever is contrary to God's commands or law. 1 John iii Matt. xv James iv

Among divines, sin is *original* or *actual*. *Actual* sin, above defined, is the act of a moral agent in violating a known rule of duty. *Original* sin, as generally understood, is native depravity of heart; that want of conformity of heart to the divine will, that corruption of nature or deterioration of the moral character of man, which is supposed to be the effect of Adam's apostasy ; and which manifests itself in moral agents by positive acts of disobedience to the divine will, or by the voluntary neglect to comply with the express commands of God, which require that we should love God with all the heart and soul and strength and mind, and our neighbor as ourselves. This native depravity or alienation of affections from God and his law, is supposed to be what the apostle calls the *carnal mind* or *mindedness*, which is enmity against God, and is therefore denominated *sin* or *sinfulness*.

Sin differs from crime, not in nature, but in application. That which is a crime against society, is sin against God. [And against man, I might add. JPR]

TRANSGRESS, *v.t.* AMERICAN DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE by Noah Webster 1828

[Fr. *transgressor*; L. *transgressus*, *transgredior*; *trans* and *gradior*, to pass.]

1. To pass over or beyond any limit ; to surpass.

TRANSGRESS, *v.t.* THE AMERICAN COLLEGE DICTIONARY

1. to pass over or go beyond ( a limit, etc.); to violate a law, command, etc.; sin.
2. to go beyond the limits imposed by(a law, command, etc.); violate, infringe, break.

TRANSGRESSION, *n.* THE AMERICAN COLLEGE DICTIONARY

1. act of transgressing: violation of divine law, command, etc.; sin.

TRESPASS, *v.i.* AMERICAN DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE by Noah

1. Literally, to pass beyond. [To trespass land boundaries, moral and divine law. JPR]

INIQUITY, *n.* AMERICAN DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE by Noah Webster  
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[Fr. *iniquite*; L. *iniquitas*; in and *œquitas*, equity.]

1. Injustice ; unrighteousness; a deviation from rectitude; as the iniquity of war; the iniquity of the slave trade.
3. A particular deviation from rectitude; a sin or crime; wickedness; any act of injustice. Your iniquities have separated between you and your God. Is. lix.
4. Original want of holiness or depravity. I was shapen in iniquity. Ps.li.

UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, *n.* AMERICAN DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE by Noah Webster  
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Injustice; a violation of the divine law, or the plain principles of justice and equity; wickedness.

Thayer's GREEK-ENGLISH LEXICON OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

ἡμαρτία *hamartia*: SIN A failing to hit the mark. A bad action, evil deed. 266

1. a sinning, whether it occurs by omission or commission, in thought and feeling or in speech and action.
2. that which is done wrong, committed or resultant sin, an offence, a violation of divine law in thought or in act.
3. collectively, the complex or aggregate of sins committed either by a single person or by many.

ἡμαρτανόω *hamartano*: to miss the mark, to be without a share in (the prize); to err, be mistaken; lastly to miss or wander from the path of uprightness and honor, to do or go wrong; to wander from the law of God, violate God's law, sin.

Usually translated sin, trespass only in Matt.18:15; Lu.17:3-4.

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ἡμαρτέμα *hamarteema*: a sin Strong's concordance reference number = 265

ἡμαρτολόγος *hamartolos*: a sinner

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παράπτωμα *paraptoma*:

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1. prop. a *fall beside or near* something. A side-slip.
  2. a *lapse or deviation from truth and uprightness; a sin, misdeed.*
- Translated variously as trespasses usually (Matt. 6:14,15; Col.2:13b), also offences (Ro.5:15-20), fall (Ro.11:11-12), faults (Gal.6:1;Jam.5:16), and sins (Col.2:13a).

I John 3:4 Whosoever committeth [ἡμαρτία, *poieo 4160*] sin transgresseth [ἡμαρτία] also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. (KJV) Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness [ἡμαρτία, *anomia 458*]. (NAS)

II John :9 Whosoever transgresseth [פָּרַבַּיִן, *parabainon*, to go contrary, i.e. violate 3845 ; I.A.Panin: פָּרַבַּיִן, *proagon*, goeth onward; NAS: on ahead], and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.

Hebrew: 'asham, *aw-sham* 816-819 = Trespass; to be guilty, to be punished or perish. To be at fault.

Hebrew: ma'al, *maw-al* 4603-4604 = prop. "to cover up"; used only fig. to act covertly, i.e. treacherously. Translated transgress, do a trespass.

Exodus 34:7 "The Lord... forgiving iniquity [אָוֶן, *avon*, *aw-vone* = perversity, crookedness 5771] and transgression[פֶּשַׁע, *peh-shah* = to break away from just authority, a revolt, rebellion 6588] and sin [חַטָּא'ah, *khat-taw-aw* = lit. to miss, sin, an offence 2402]..."

Gen. 31:36 "What is my trespass [6588]? What is my sin [2403]?..."

Psa. 32:5 I acknowledged my sin [2403] unto thee, and mine iniquity [5771] have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions (6588) unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity [5771] of my sin [2403].

#### **Sin, four scriptural definitions:**

I Jo.5:17 "All unrighteousness [אֲדִיקְיָה, *adikia*, without+right] is sin..." 266  
Rom. 14:23 "whatsoever is not of faith is sin." 266  
I Jo. 3:4 "sin is lawlessness" A violation of divine law in thought or in act. 266  
Jam. 4:17 "to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." 266

#### **Degrees of Sin & Penalties for Sin:**

Mt. 5:21-22; I Jn. 5:16-17 Mortal & Venial Sins; I Cor. 3:17, 5, 6, 11:27-34; Acts 5:1-11.

**Solution for Sin:** Acts 2:38-39; Rom. 5-8 (5:10); I Jn. 1:7-2:2; Pro. 28:13.

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