

What is Sin?

Ascent

Spring Session, Lesson 2

Introduction/Review

What is sin?

Sin as deviation from the will of God

“Miss the mark”

“Transgress”

“Trespass”

Sin as defiance of God

Sin as an attitude

Definition: Sin is the attitude of a self-centered (rather than God-centered) creature, which itself caused and yet stems from a debased nature and which reflects itself in lawless deeds.

Where did sin come from?

Origin of non-human sin

Origin of human sin

What are the consequences of sin?

Consequences in regards to the human race

Immediate consequences: Genesis 3

Alienation

Condemnation

Long-term consequences

Imputation

Imputation is God's legal action of recording sin or righteousness, their own or that of their spiritual head, on the "record books" of individuals.

Romans 5:12, 18-19

Depravity

Depravity is the universal corruption of the human nature which encourages all people, whether consciously or unconsciously, to lead sinful self-centered lives.

Psalm 51:4, Jeremiah 17:9, Romans 3:10, 23

Penalty

Immediate spiritual death

Eventual physical death

Eventual eternal death

Consequences in regards to God

Digging Deeper:

"Hamartiology: What is it?" <https://www.compellingtruth.org/Hamartiology.html>

"The Doctrine of Sin," <https://bible.org/article/doctrine-sin>

"What is Sin?" – video sermon by John Piper

<http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/the-origin-essence-and-definition-of-sin>