

What Is Sin?

John wrote, *"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."* By inspiration we know the definition of sin. The word *"sin"* was used to describe transgression of the law, the breaking of God's commandments. *"Transgression"* defined sin as rebellion against God and was connected with Satan's rebellion against God (cf. Matthew 7:22; 24:11-13; 2 Corinthians 6:14-16; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12). Sin is also known as a *"missing of the mark."* Sin in some form is mentioned over 800 times in the Bible.

Man, regardless of society, has always sought to redefine sin. Man considers sin to be a disease (alcoholism, drug abuse) or merely an alternative lifestyle (homosexuality). If someone's marriage does not work out, then the majority of people would remarry in an adulterous relationship (cf. Matthew 5:32; 19:9; Romans 7:1-4; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11), believing that God would merely want them to be happy.

Aaron tried to justify his sin with the golden calf. In Exodus 32:22, Aaron said, *"Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief."* In Exodus 32:24, Aaron said, *"Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf."* Do you see how he tried to blame the sin on the people and then said that the calf just popped out of the fire? Sin is sin, no matter how we might change or redefine it. The only answer which will please God is repentance (Acts 17:30). Do you want to do God's will bad enough to give up what is wrong? Your soul depends upon it!

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