

CONFUSION ABOUT SIN (Part #2)

Last week we studied some of reasons for the Confusion about Sin by covering four Greek words related to this subject. In that lesson we chose to focus on the first Greek term for sin (hamartia). It means to miss the mark or failure to do the right thing established by the word of God (James 4:17; Rom.3:20).

In that study we covered the first of the three classifications of hamartia sin, **Imputed sin** or Adam's Original Sin (AOS) which resulted in these 13 judicial charges being passed on to the human race.

Alienation	Natural
Blind	Perish
Condemn	Sinner
Curse	Unrighteous
Darkness	Ungodly
Death	Wrath
Enmity	

This week we will study five aspects of Inherent sin and individual sin.

1. **There are three common names used in the Bible for the Old Sin Nature (OSN), which everyone is born with, are sin (in the singular) and flesh and body of sin.**

An example of **sin** (in the singular) and **flesh** is found in: (Reign; Master; Lusts of the Flesh).

(Rom.6:12) "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires"

(Rom.6:14) "For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace"

(Rom.6:19) "I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.

An example of sin of the flesh and of the body of sin is in found in:

(Rom.6:6) "For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- because anyone who has died has been freed from sin".

(Rom.6:12) "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires".

(Rom.6:16) "Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?"

2. **When the 13 judicial charges of AOS, the OSN and the belief system of worldly thinking of the Devil (Cosmos Diabolicus) are combined:**

The individual is called "lost", the "natural man", an "unregenerate man" and the "old man" in need i=of a savior, Jesus Christ.

(Eph.2:1-10) “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do”.

(Luke 15:3-10) “Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

(1 Cor.2:14) “The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned”.

(1 Tim.1:15) “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst”.

(Rom.6:6-7) “For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- because anyone who has died has been freed from sin”.

The unregenerate man / woman (unsaved) can be engaged in societal good, religion, and evil:

Paul (Phil.3:4-9) and **Nicodemus** (John 3:3-7Z).

The unsaved can also be moral, amoral, or immoral

Judas (Matt.26:21-25; John 17:12).

3. When a person believes the gospel of Jesus Christ (grace salvation) (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph2:8-9), his status changes to saved, saint, spiritual man and the regenerate new man (1 Cor.1:2, 21; 3:1-3; Titus 3:5-7; Eph.2:13-16).

(1 Pet.1:23) “For you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.”

At salvation, the CAB receives **twenty status privileges** that can never be lost in time or eternity

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4. The regenerate believer must learn to walk in newness of life by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

(Rom.6:4-7) “Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **so we too might walk in newness of life**. For if we have become united with Him in the **likeness** of His death, certainly we shall also be in the **likeness of His resurrection**, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our **body of sin** might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin”.

(Rom.8:11-12) “**But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you**, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. **So then**, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh (OSN), to live according to the flesh.” (Gal.3:2; 1 Cor.6:19-20)

(Gal.5:16) “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh.”

(Rom.13:13-14) “Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature”.

5. Our OSN lusts for pleasure gratification

It’s called temptation and is not sin, unless it is acted upon volitionally. If we chose to ‘go with it’ it then is called personal sin or sinning

(Heb.11:25) “He (Christ) chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time”.

(James 1:13-15) “But each one is tempted **when** he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then **when** lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and **when** sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.”

6. Confession of personal sin changes the CAB’s spiritual condition from carnality to spirituality (1 Cor.3:3; Gal.5:16-17; 1 John 1:5-9/ "if we say that").

(1 Cor.6:18) “Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

Two similar biblical situations but with different results, (Joseph and David)

Joseph fled from sin with Potiphar’s wife (Gen.39) [didn’t sin] [undeserved suffering] (1 Pet.4:12-14).

David fled to sin with Bathsheba (2 Sam.11-12) [sinned] [divine discipline] (Heb.12:5-11)

It is not enough to say NO to sin by **will power**. For the CAB, he/she must say No to lust of sin by saying YES to lust of indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16-17).

(Gal.5:24-25) “Now those who belong to the Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **If** we live by the Spirit, **let us also** walk by the Spirit.”