

## 08. "Sin"

**"Breaking or transgressing the divine law of God"**

*"Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and **sin is lawlessness.**" (1 John 3:4 NKJV)*

Sin is lawlessness in the eyes of God. He alone is our moral Governor and Judge. Sin is always, by its nature, vile and polluting. It is anything that offends the holiness of God and is justly deserving of punishment.

With the exception of Jesus Christ, no man or woman has lived without sin. Scripture is very clear on this issue. The sin nature is in constant battle with the new nature.

*"For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin." (Ecclesiastes 7:20 NKJV)*

*"As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;" (Romans 3:10 NKJV)*

## Kinds of Sin

1. *Presumption*  
*Willfully premeditated, defiant rebellion against God*
2. *Ignorance*  
*Unconsciously committed sin (Psalm 19:12)*
3. *Commission*  
*Does not intend to do evil - does not come from an insolent attitude. It is, however a deliberate act*
4. *Omission*  
*Failing (omitting) to do what is right.*

**Homework Assignment**

Write a paragraph of 50 to 100 words on what you would tell somebody about what sin means to you personally.

Turn it in on a separate 8 ½ x 11 sheet at the beginning of the next class. If possible, please print this off your computer. Otherwise, a clearly handwritten paper will be accepted. Include your name, date and Theological Term at the top of the page.

**BUZZ WORDS**

1. Lawlessness
2. Offense  
against God
3. Pollution