

MISSED, MISQUOTED, & MISUNDERSTOOD?

Part 4

Q. What is sin?

A. Missing the mark

Missing the mark is what is often used (in general) to describe what is sin and not “what are the sins”. Missing the mark means failing to hit a target or goal, which is to love and obey God. Another (in short) defining of sin is: Breaking God's law: Doing things God says not to do, or failing to do what God commands.

In order not to “miss the mark” or sin, a follower or imitator of Jesus Christ (the Word, a Christian) needs to know what is sin. ..Where are the sins listed in the Bible, what are the consequences of habitual sin and how to stop sinning.

God’s Word asks the question, do you and I want to escape the judgment’s that are to come? Will we choose by our own decisions to go to hell as a result of our habitual sin?

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Q. What is a Christian?

A. Christian defined

In short a christian is someone who believe that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah, that was prophesied that HE would come, die to atone for humanity's sins and rise up from the dead. The term christian originates from the Greek word Christianos, which means "follower/imitator of Christ" or "belonging to Christ". This means emulating the life of Jesus and obeying His Words, the Bible, in word and deed.

John 14:15 AMPC

15 If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.

John 14:21 AMPC

21 The person who has My commands and keeps them is the one who [really] loves Me; and whoever [really] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I [too] will love him and will show (reveal, manifest) Myself to him. [I will let Myself be clearly seen by him and make Myself real to him.]

Ephesians 5:1-2 AMPC

1 Therefore be imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father].

2 And walk in love, [esteeming and delighting in one another] as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a slain offering and sacrifice to God [for you, so that it became] a sweet fragrance.

1 Corinthians 11:1-5 AMPC

11 Pattern yourselves after me [follow my example], as I imitate and follow Christ (the Messiah).

John 1:1 AMPC

1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

John 1:1 KJV

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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Do you and I have faith? Do we believe the Jesus is the son of God? That He is the Word? That we are to imitate Him and follow Him in Word and Deed?

What is Faith?

Hebrews 11:1 AMPC

11 Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, [the title deed] of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

John begins the last book of the Bible with this “Revelation”

Revelation 1:1-3 AMPC

1 [This is] the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine mysteries]. God gave it to Him to disclose and make known to His bond servants certain things which must shortly and speedily come to pass in their entirety. And He sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger) to His bond servant John,

2 Who has testified to and vouched for all that he saw [in his visions], the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy; and blessed (happy, to be envied) are those who hear [it read] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it [heeding them and laying them to heart], for the time [for them to be fulfilled] is near.

How do you and I get Faith? What is the first step?

Romans 10:17 AMPC

17 So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself).

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How do I know I am living by faith (in adherence to the things which are written in His Word - laying them to heart)?

Matthew 7:13-19 AMPC

13 Enter through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and spacious and broad is the way that leads away to destruction, and many are those who are entering through it.

14 But the gate is narrow (contracted by pressure) and the way is straitened and compressed that leads away to life, and few are those who find it.

15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you dressed as sheep, but inside they are devouring wolves.

16 You will fully recognize them by their fruits. Do people pick grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles?

17 Even so, every healthy (sound) tree bears good fruit [worthy of admiration], but the sickly (decaying, worthless) tree bears bad (worthless) fruit.

18 A good (healthy) tree cannot bear bad (worthless) fruit, nor can a bad (diseased) tree bear excellent fruit [worthy of admiration].

19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire.

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Galatians 5:19, 24-26 AMPC

19 Now **the doings (practices) of the flesh are clear (obvious):** they are... (we will go over this in Part 5)

24 And **those who belong to Christ Jesus (the Messiah) have crucified the flesh (the godless human nature) with its passions and appetites and desires.**

25 If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, **let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.**]

26 Let us not become vainglorious and self-conceited, competitive and challenging and provoking and irritating to one another, envying and being jealous of one another.

James 2 AMPC

17 So also faith, **if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead).**

18 But someone will say [to you then], You [say you] have faith, and I have [good] works. Now you show me your [alleged] faith apart from any [good] works [if you can], and I by [good] works [of obedience] will show you my faith.

19 You believe that God is one; you do well. **So do the demons believe and shudder [in terror and horror such as make a man's hair stand on end and contract the surface of his skin]!**

20 Are you willing to be shown [proof], you foolish (unproductive, spiritually deficient) fellow, that faith apart from [good] works is inactive and ineffective and worthless?

21 Was not our forefather Abraham [shown to be] justified (made acceptable to God) by [his] works when he brought to the altar as an offering his [own] son Isaac?

22 You see that [his] faith was cooperating with his works, and [his] faith was completed and reached its supreme expression [when he implemented it] by [good] works.

23 And [so] the Scripture was fulfilled that says, Abraham believed in (adhered to, trusted in, and relied on) God, and this was accounted to him as righteousness (as conformity to God's will in thought and deed), and he was called God's friend.

24 You see that a man is justified (pronounced righteous before God) through what he does and not alone through faith [through works of obedience as well as by what he believes].

26 For as the human body apart from the spirit is lifeless, so faith apart from [its] works of obedience is also dead.

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Q. What are the consequences to not habitually living by faith or obedience to God's Word?

A. Hell

Matthew 7:21-23 AMPC

*21 Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does the will of My Father Who is in heaven.***

*22 **Many will say to Me on that day, Lord, Lord,** have we not prophesied in Your name and driven out demons in Your name and done many mighty works in Your name?*

*23 **And then I will say to them openly (publicly), I never knew you;** depart from Me, you who act wickedly [disregarding My commands].*

Matthew 13:40-43 AMPC

40 Just as the darnel (weeds resembling wheat) is gathered and burned with fire, so it will be at the close of the age.

*41 The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of offense **[persons by whom others are drawn into error or sin]** and all who do **iniquity and act wickedly,***

*42 **And will cast them into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping and wailing and grinding of teeth***

*43 **Then will the righteous** (those who are upright and in right standing with God) shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let him who has ears [to hear] be listening, and let him [b]consider and perceive and understand by hearing.*

Hebrews 11:6 AMPC

6 But without faith (obedience) it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. *For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out].*

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How can we please God when you and I are habitually sinning?

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Jesus commanded you and I to know the signs of His return so we wouldn't be caught unaware of His Coming in the clouds. He told us what we must do to be ready and not just the signs. What good would it do to know the signs, the things we see taking place that were prophesied thousands of years ago and not live in habitual obedience to His Word.

Matthew 24:33 AMPC

33 So also when you see these signs, [a]all taken together, coming to pass, you may know [b]of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.

Matthew 24:33 KJV

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

Luke 21:34-36 AMPC

*34 But take heed to yourselves and **be on your guard**, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness and headache and nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, **and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose;***

35 For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth.

*36 **Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.***

1 Thessalonians 5:1-9 AMPC

*1 But as to the suitable times and the **precise seasons and dates**, brethren, you have no necessity for anything being written to you.*

*2 For you yourselves know perfectly well that the day of **the [return of the] Lord will come [as unexpectedly and suddenly] as a thief in the night.***

*3 **When people are saying, All is well and secure, and, There is peace and safety, then in a moment unforeseen destruction (ruin and death) will come upon them** as suddenly as labor pains come upon a woman with child; and they shall by no means escape, for there will be no escape.*

4 But you are not in [given up to the power of] darkness, brethren, for that day to overtake you by surprise like a thief.

*5 **For you are all sons of light and sons of the day;** we do not belong either to the night or to darkness.*

*6 Accordingly then, **let us not sleep, as the rest do, but let us keep wide awake (alert, watchful, cautious, and on our guard) and let us be sober (calm, collected, and circumspect).***

7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night.

*8 But we belong to the day; therefore, **let us be sober and put on the breastplate (corslet) of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.***

*9 **For God has not appointed us to [incur His] wrath** [He did not select us to condemn us], but [that we might] obtain [His] salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)*

1 John 3:4 AMPC

4 Everyone who commits (practices) sin is guilty of lawlessness; for [that is what] sin is, lawlessness (the breaking, violating of God's law by transgression or neglect—being unrestrained and unregulated by His commands and His will).

Q. Who gets caught up? What are the qualifications? Is it written somewhere how to escape these judgments and eternity in Hell?

A. New Testament writers and Jesus Himself tell you and I how to get ready and live habitually in preparation for HIS return.



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