

The Origin of Sin

Definition of sin: “The voluntary departure of a moral agent from a known rule of rectitude or duty, prescribed by God; any voluntary transgression of the divine law, or violation of a divine command; a wicked act; iniquity. Sin is either a positive act in which a known divine law is violated, or it is the voluntary neglect to obey a positive divine command, or a rule of duty clearly implied in such command. Sin comprehends not action only, but neglect of known duty, all evil thoughts purposes, words and desires, whatever is contrary to God’s commands or law.” {Webster 1828 dictionary}

The fact that sin exists in the world cannot be denied but the question begs to be asked, where did sin come from? To find the answer to this question we must have an authoritative source and that source is the Bible, the Word of God.

When God created man, He put him in the Garden of Eden with freedom to eat from every tree except one. “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” {Genesis 2:17} By death God meant an immediate spiritual death and later physical death of which we all understand. Later, God created a woman He named Eve.

Satan, the devil, is known by many names and at one time he was an angel in Heaven, but he chose to rebel against God and for that he was cast out of Heaven. “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.” {Isaiah 14:12-14} It was this person in the Garden of Eden that caused Eve to question God’s command and to eat fruit from the forbidden tree. She then gave some of the fruit to Adam who also ate of it. {Genesis 3:1-6} By doing this he violated God’s command and at that very moment sin came into the realm of humanity. “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” {Romans 5:12} Every time a woman becomes pregnant with child, that child has a sin nature inherited from Adam.

The sin Adam committed was not murder; it was the not so simple sin of disobedience, disobedience against God. It is from this sin nature, the heart, that people commit the sins they do. “But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:” {Matthew 15:18-19}

All people born are lost sinners on their way to an eternity in Hell because, as the Bible says, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” {Romans 3:23} And, because we are born sinners, “For the wages of sin is death;” {Romans 6:23} The good news is that God does not want to see anyone die and go to Hell because He loves us so much. He made a provision for all of us to go to His Heaven when we physically die and, in that provision, He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay our sin debt. To do this, Jesus took to Himself the body of man so that on the Cross of Calvary He could shed His innocent blood and die as the full payment of our sin debt. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” {John 3:16} “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” {Romans 5:8} “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” {2 Peter 3:9} God has redeemed lost sinners from the slave pit of sin! “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” {1 Peter 1:18-19} In Hebrews Chapter 9 we read about Jesus Christ and His shed blood and what His death has done for us. The sin debt has forever been settled and at this very moment Jesus is in Heaven. “And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;” {Hebrews 10:11-12}

Is there anything else that needs to be done? Yes, there is! **YOU** personally **MUST** repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour if you want to be forgiven and go to Heaven. “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” {Luke 13:3} If you do repent and trust Jesus Christ as Saviour, will you truly be forgiven and saved? “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” {1 John 5:11,13} The last half of a verse shared earlier reads, “but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” {Romans 6:23}

Friend, I encourage you to repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ as your Saviour before it becomes eternally too late.

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