

## “SIN”

**Sin is defined:** “A transgression of the law,” I Jno. 3:4 (KJV). The American Standard Version says: “sin is lawlessness,” I Jno. 3:4 (ASV). Sin, then, is a “crossing” of the law; or, “a missing of the mark.” God has extended the law and when we violate the law, walk contrary to, we have “**missed**” what God has intended. Thus you have a defining of the word, “**SIN.**” The New Testament defines the word itself, I Jno. 3:4.

Every person, in the Bible, has sin charged to them; because they “**missed the mark,**” as God has provided. Adam & Eve, I Tim. 2:13-14, they both “transgressed,” it is said in the OLD TESTAMENT that Eve, “*gave also to her husband with her, and he did eat,*” Gen. 3:6. Paul states, “*For until the law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law,*” Rom. 5:13. From this we learn there was sin from Adam to Moses; so, there was law from Adam to Moses. At this point there was an adding of the law. This was the Law of Moses and it continued until Jesus and **was taken away on the cross of Christ**, Col. 2:14. So there was law from Adam to Christ and where there is law, there is sin! This is the reason for the statement in Rom. 3:23, “*For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.*” This is making the point that there has been law and so there has been sin, from Adam to Christ.

Through the years there has been a change of laws; but sin continues to prevail. Whatever the law may be, when one violates that law, God’s law, it is attributed to him as sin.

There are those who want to make the New Covenant a covenant of grace and **not** of law. It is simple what they want – if there is no law there is no sin, Rom. 5:13. But the New Testament is referred to as a **LAW!** The **New Covenant** is referred to as: (1) “**The Law of Christ,**” Gal. 6:2; (2) “**The law of liberty,**” Jas. 1:25; (3) “**A law of faith,**” Rom. 3:27; (4) “**The royal Law,**” Jas. 2:8, - note the word “Royal,” it is a regal term and is associated with a King, King Jesus, I Tim. 6:15; (5) “**The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus,**” Rom. 8:2. Now, should I go farther to show that under Christ there is a law and when people transgress that law, sin is attributed to them! Jesus died for the world and thus extended us the “**Scheme of Redemption,**” so, we may be free from sin, Rom. 5:8-9.

Sin has not changed; so the remedy for sin has not changed. The blood of animals, bulls, and goats could not take away sin in the world; but, the blood of Christ did, Heb. 10:4; I Pet. 1:18-21. In Heb. 9:15, we have the following statement, “*And for this cause he is the mediator of a new covenant, that a death having taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were **under the first covenant,** they that have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.*” This is all accomplished through the blood of Christ, Rom. 5:9.

Under the New Covenant it is stated, “*17 But thanks be to God, that, whereas ye were servants of sin, ye became obedient from the heart to that form of doctrine (KJV) whereunto ye were delivered; 18 and being made free from sin, ye became servants of righteousness,*” Rom. 6:17-18. God accomplished what was intended – **the remission of sins**. This is provided through “*the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus,*” Rom. 8:2.

The book of Acts stands as a testimony to that being accomplished – all the examples of conversion in the book of Acts is evidence that God accomplished his mission.

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