

Man is a Sinner Who Needs a Savior

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us”

(1 John 1:8-10).

From the beginning God had a plan. He had a goal in mind for His creation. But, God did not create machines. His creation was able to choose and make up their own mind. When he created the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, he gave them only one restriction. They were not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil located in the Garden of Eden. God had spoken and His word was clear. They doubted God’s word enough to go ahead and do the one thing He asked them not to do. Sin (1 John 3:4; 5:17) caused separation and a breaking of fellowship between God and man (Psalms 66:18; Isaiah 59:2). God would not go against His own word and he had to keep His promise of death. What a terrible price to pay for one small piece of fruit. Because of their disobedience sin entered into the world. Since that time every person born was conceived in sin.

- ☑ “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).
- ☑ “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one” (Romans 3:10).
- ☑ “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).
- ☑ “All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death” (1 John 5:17).
- ☑ “Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.” Psalms 51:5).
- ☑ “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.” (1 John 2:16).
- ☑ “But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe” (Galatians 3:22).
- ☑ “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (James 4:17).”
- ☑ “For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous” (Romans 5:19).

God hates sin. However, He loves the sinner.

- ☑ “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

On one hand, God is merciful, and does not want to punish man. On the other hand, God is just, and must punish and deal with sin.

- “Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty” (Exodus 34:7).

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Man is born a sinner.

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
Is this what the Bible teaches?			
Is this what you believe?			
Is this what your church teaches?			

Man needs a Savior. Without one he remains wicked, without hope of eternal life. Man cannot save himself. God’s standard requires perfection. Jesus said, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). Salvation cannot be earned (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Ralph Vincent Reynolds describes man’s miserable condition as:

- Estranged from the womb (Psalms 58:3).
- Shaped in iniquity (Psalms 51:5).
- Heart is desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:9).
- Controlled by Satan (Ephesians 2:2).
- Law of sin and death continually at work in his life (Romans 7:23).
- Under a curse (Galatians 3:10).
- Understanding is darkened (Ephesians 4:18).
- Has an evil imagination (Genesis 6:5).
- Filled with all unrighteousness (Romans 1:29).
- Dead in trespasses and sin (Ephesians 2:1).
- Corrupt from head to foot (Isaiah 1:6).

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Man needs a savior to rescue him from his hopeless condition.

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
Is this what the Bible teaches?			
Is this what you believe?			
Is this what your church teaches?			

Study Questions

1. What is sin? _____

2. How did sin enter the world? (Support your answer with Scripture.) _____

3. In the blanks provided, write the Scripture reference that supports each statement given.

- 1) Everyone is conceived in sin: _____
- 2) By the disobedience of one man, sin entered the world: _____
- 3) All have sinned: _____

- 4) On one hand, God is merciful and does not want to punish man. On the other hand, God is just and must punish and deal with sin: _____

4. Given the following Scripture references, what is the description of man's miserable condition mentioned in each?

- 1) Ephesians 2:2 _____
- 2) Galatians 3:10 _____
- 3) Jeremiah 17:9 _____
- 4) Genesis 6:5 _____
- 5) Isaiah 1:6 _____

5. Write out the verse (with Scripture reference) that supports the statement, "God's standard requires perfection." _____

