

## **A Sinner**

***Luke 18:9-14***

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- We speak frequently about sin
- Take for granted that people know what we're talking about
- What is sin, who is a sinner, and what should we do about it?

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## ***What Is Sin?***

- In the Old Testament
  - Definition: "A verb meaning to miss the mark, to wrong, to sin, to lead into sin ... Its central meaning is to miss the mark or fail."

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## ***What Is Sin?***

- In the Old Testament
  - Genesis 4:3-7 – sin coucheth at the door
  - Genesis 18:20-21 – their sin is very grievous
  - Genesis 39:7-9 – sin against God

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## ***What Is Sin?***

- In the New Testament
  - Definition: "Sin, missing the true end and scope of our lives, which is God. An offense in relation to God with emphasis on guilt."

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## ***What Is Sin?***

- In the New Testament
  - John 15:22-24 – they had not had sin
  - John 16:7-11 – in respect of sin
  - James 1:13-15 – sin when it is fullgrown

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### ***What Is Sin?***

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- God's one-line definition
  - I John 3:4 – “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law.**” (KJV)

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### ***Who Is A Sinner?***

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- King David
  - Acts 13:22 – a man after My heart
  - II Samuel 12:5, 7, 13 – I have sinned against Jehovah
- Paul
  - Philippians 3:17 – imitators ... of me
  - I Timothy 1:15 – I am chief
  - Romans 7:24-25 – Wretched man

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### ***Who Is A Sinner?***

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- Romans 3:23 – “for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God”

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### ***What Should I Do About Sin?***

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- Recognize it
  - II Timothy 2:15 – study (KJV)
  - I John 1:6-10 – If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves
  - But we must not be angry when we find this in ourselves
    - Genesis 4:1-7 – do thou rule over it

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### ***What Should I Do About Sin?***

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- Admit it
  - Luke 18:13 – God, be thou merciful
  - Luke 15:21 – I have sinned
  - Acts 8:24 – Pray ye for me to the Lord

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### ***What Should I Do About Sin?***

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- Change my life
  - Acts 8:22 – Repent ... of this thy wickedness
  - Acts 3:19 – Repent ... turn again
  - Acts 17:30 – All everywhere repent
  - II Corinthians 7:8-10 – godly sorrow worketh repentance unto salvation

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## ***What Should I Do About Sin?***

- Strive to live purely
  - Romans 6:17-18 – servants of righteousness
  - I Timothy 1:5 – a pure heart and a good conscience
  - Revelation 2:10b – faithful unto death

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## ***In Conclusion***

- Sin is transgression of law
  - Romans 5:12-14 – death reigned from Adam until Moses
- All have sinned – Except Jesus
  - Hebrews 4:14-15 – Jesus ... without sin
  - I Peter 2:21-25 – Christ ... who did no sin

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## ***In Conclusion***

- We must recognize our sins, confess them to God, turn from them, and live pure lives

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## ***“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”***

- Hear the Word of God
  - Romans 10:8 – *“But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach”*
- Believe in that Word
  - Romans 10:11 – *“For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be put to shame.”*

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## ***“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”***

- Repent of your sins
  - Acts 3:19 – *“Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord”*
- Confess that Jesus is the Son of God
  - I John 4:15 – *“Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God.”*

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## ***“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”***

- Be immersed in water (baptized)
  - Acts 2:38 – *“And Peter (said) unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*
- Continue faithfully
  - Revelation 2:10 – *“Fear not the things which thou art about to suffer: behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life.”*

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