

CONFUSION ABOUT SIN (Part #1)

There seems to be Confusion about Sin among Christians. Learning the three classifications of sin helped me.

Let me mention two reasons that could be causing some of this confusion.

The first reason for some of the Confusion about Sin may be the transliteration of certain Greek words into English on this subject. Here are four examples from the NAS translation.

- **The most popular word for sin is hamartia.** It refers to missing the mark or willful failure to do the right thing established by the word of God (James 4:17; Rom.3:20).
- **A second Greek word is parabasis.** It refers to transgression of a specific law of the word of God (Rom.4:15; 5:14).
- **A third Greek word is paraptoma.** It refers to trespassing or deviating from a divine standard of truth established in the word of God (2 Cor.5:19; Eph.1:7).
- **A fourth Greek word is anomia.** It refers to lawless and often describes a life style of sin (1 Tim.1:9-10; 2 Pet.2:8).

The second reason for Confusion about Sin involves today's lesson and the Greek word hamartia.

- The Greek word Hamartia will be used to describe three important classifications of sin:
 - Imputed sin resulting from Adam's Original Sin (AOS)
 - Inherent sin produced from our Old Sin Nature (OSN)
 - Individual sin or personal sin, the result of our giving into the lusts of our OSN

1. **The Imputation of Adam's Original Sin (AOS) is passed on to all members of the human race at birth (Gen.2:16-17; Rom.5:12-21; Eph.2:1-5; 1 Cor.15:22; John 5:24; Rom.3:23-26).**

The **Imputation of AOS** results in these 13 judicial charges being passed on to the human race.

Alienation	Natural
Blind	Perish
Condemn	Sinner
Curse	Unrighteous
Darkness	Ungodly
Death	Wrath
Enmity	

The **propitious blood of Jesus Christ** cleanses the believer from AOS and gives 9 communion factors with God as our Father.

Redemption	Forgiveness
Reconciliation	New Covenant
Propitiation	Victory in AC
Justification	Peace with God
Cleansing	

2. Inherent Sin (the resulting curse of Adamic Sin) is passed on to all members of the human race at birth. (Gen.2:16; Rom.6:6, 12-14; 7:5-25; 1 Cor.6:19-20; Gal.5:16-17).

It is also called flesh (sarx) because it is given at birth and remains until death.

Our flesh lusts for:

- **Fleshly gratification** (Rom.8:5-9; Gal.5:19-21)
- **Worldly gratification** (1 Pet.4:2-5; 1 John 2:16; Gen.3:6; Rom.12:2).

The issue (inner war) is how we, as Believers are going to “walk it” in our Christian Life. (1 Cor.3:1-3)

- **Carnal** Walking under the influence of our Old Sin Nature (OSN)
 - § Fulfilling the lusts of the flesh
- **Spiritual** Walking under the influence of the Indwelling Holy Spirit (IHS)
 - § Fulfilling the lusts of The Spirit

3. Individual Sin is personal sin committed in the Christian Way of Life (CWL) (1 John 1:5-10).

In (1 John 1:9), confession refers to speaking the same things as the Word of God regarding sin (Rom.3:20; 4:15; 5:13; 7:7; Ps.66:18).

Inherent sin (OSN) and individual sins are not an issue to the unbeliever who is under AOS (Rom.3:23; 5:12).

However, Inherent sin (OSN) and individual sins are an issue to the CAB (James 1:14-15; Rom.13:14-15; 1 Pet.2:11).

4. Three categories of personal sins (1 John 1:9)

- **Mental attitude sins (MAS)**
 - Anger, hate, bitterness, malice, covet, greed, deceit, jealousy, worry, and fear (James 1:19-20; Eph.4:31-32; Gal.6:1).
- **Sins of the tongue (ST)**
 - Gossip, malign, slander, lie, back-bite, speak against authority, name-call (Col.3:5-10; Eph.4:25; 1 Tim.5:3; 1 Pet.2:1).
- **Overt sins (OS)**
 - Sexual promiscuity and perversion, drugs, crime, stealing, drunkenness, gluttony, physical abuse, murder, idolatry, omission (Gal.5:19-21; Rom.13:14-15; Eph.5:1-7; 1 Cor.6:9-10, 18; Rom.14:23; James 4:17).