

# Salvation - Part I

## Sin

For the next few weeks we will work our way through the major doctrines involved in the Plan of Salvation. Today we look at Sin and the Sinner.

### I. What is Sin?

Definitions:

1. "Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, any law of God given as a rule to the reasonable creature."
2. disobedience to the law of God - I John 3:4
3. My definition for children: "breaking God's rules"

### II. Where did Sin come from?

1. Satan, in his war against God, attacked God's greatest creation: Man
2. Satan tricked Eve into eating the forbidden fruit in Eden - Genesis 3:1-7
3. Adam ate the fruit willingly - I Timothy 2:14
4. Innocence now lost, man earned a sinful nature that is passed on to all men - Romans 5:12
5. Every man has this sinful nature - Romans 7:17-20

### III. Who is a Sinner?

1. Every man is a Sinner - Romans 3:10, 3:23
2. No one is without excuse. We all sin because we are all sinners.
3. In regards to salvation, there are no varying degrees of sinfulness. We are either sinners or we are not... and we all are.

### IV. What does Sin do?

1. Sin is always against God - Psalm 51:4, Luke 15:18
2. Sin brings guilt and shame - Romans 6:19-21
3. Sin will destroy you - James 1:15
4. Sin keeps us from entering Heaven - Rev. 20:11-15

### V. What is a Christian's response toward sin?

1. Recognize it in light of Scripture
2. Be troubled to the point of mourning
3. Confess it without excuse to God
4. Do our best to make up to others our shortcomings

Next week: the Sentence that is on all who Sin.