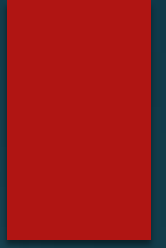


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- ▶ **GOLD** – God is Holy
- ▶ **BLACK** – sin separates, brings death
- ▶ **RED** – blood of Jesus, His death in our place
- ▶ **WHITE** – forgiven
- ▶ **GREEN** – growing in faith
- ▶ **BLUE** – future home – God's presence

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- ▶ The doctrine of sin: HAMARTIOLOGY

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▶ The History of Sin

- ▶ Genesis 3:4-5 ⁴ And the serpent said to the woman, "You surely shall not die! ⁵ "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

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▶ The History of Sin

- ▶ **Genesis 3:6-7** ⁶ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

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▶ The History of Sin

- ▶ Genesis 2:16-17 ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; ¹⁷ but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die."

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▶ We should note that all sin is ultimately irrational. It really did not make sense for Adam and Eve to think that there could be any gain in disobeying the words of their Creator. They made a foolish choice. Though people sometimes persuade themselves that they have good reasons for sinning, when examined in the cold light of the truth on the last day, it will be seen in every case that sin ultimately just does not make sense! - Wayne Grudem (p493)

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▶ The Impact of Sin

▶ Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

- Depravity is TOTAL.

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► The Impact of Sin

- It extends to every person.

a. 1 Kings 8:46^{NIV} 1 Kings 8:46 there is no one who does not sin—

b. ^{NIV} Psalm 143:2 Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.

c. ^{NIV} Proverbs 20:9 Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin"?

d. ^{ESV} Ecclesiastes 7:20 Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

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A. It affects both thinking and living.

▶ It's a basic heart problem:

▶ ^{ESV} Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

▶ ^{ESV} Mark 7:20 And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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A. It affects both thinking and living.

▶ It's a basic MIND problem:

▶ Genesis 6:5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

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A. It affects both thinking and living.

▶ It's a basic MIND problem:

▶ Ephesians 4:17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.



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- ▶ The Definition of Sin
- ▶ Sin is *basically* a disposition of the heart.
- ▶ Sin is *specifically*: A thought.
- ▶ An act.
- ▶ An omission. Eze 22:26
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- ▶ Erickson says: Sin is any lack of conformity, active or passive, to the moral law of God. This may be a matter of act, of thought, or of inner disposition or state.
- ▶ Grudem says: Sin is any failure to conform to the moral law of God in act, attitude or nature.
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- ▶ Ryrie says: Sin is missing the mark, badness, rebellion iniquity, going astray, wickedness, wandering, ungodliness, crime, lawlessness, transgression, ignorance, and a falling away.
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▶ Martin Luther said: Sin is an inclination to evil, a disgust at the good, a disinclination toward light and wisdom; it is love of error and darkness, a fleeing from good works and a loathing of them, a running to what is evil.

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▶ The Consequence of Sin

▶ Romans 5:18 One trespass led to condemnation for all men

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▶ The Consequence of Sin

▶ John 3:16-18 ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

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▶ The Consequence of Sin

▶ Exodus 34:6 the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

▶ Ezekiel 22:4 ⁴ You have become guilty by the blood that you have shed, and defiled by the idols that you have made, and you have brought your days near, the appointed time of your years has come.

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▶ Ezekiel 23:32-35 ³² "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "You will drink your sister's cup, a cup large and deep; it will bring scorn and derision, for it holds so much. ³³ You will be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, the cup of ruin and desolation, the cup of your sister Samaria. ³⁴ You will drink it and drain it dry; you will dash it to pieces and tear your breasts. I have spoken, declares the Sovereign LORD. ³⁵ "Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: Since you have forgotten me and thrust me behind your back, you must bear the consequences of your lewdness and prostitution."

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▶ Psalm 75:8 ⁸ In the hand of the LORD is a cup full of foaming wine mixed with spices; he pours it out, and all the wicked of the earth drink it down to its very dregs.

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- ▶ **Whoever sins against the Lord must drink the cup of His wrath.**
- ▶ *Unless someone else drinks it for you.*
- ▶ *Because of sin..... Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath.*
- ▶ *Jesus said to his disciples in Matt 22:20: can you drink the cup I am going to drink?*

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▶ **Matthew 26:38-42** ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." ³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

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- ▶ Because of Jesus' sacrifice- we are given a new cup... the cup of the new covenant.
- ▶ Matthew 26:27-28 ²⁷ And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

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Sin serves the cup of God's wrath...

but the Savior serves a cup of blessing...

► Psalm 23:5-6 ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The gospel according to Ezekiel: God is holy. Man is sinful.
God makes a way for change. And blessings abound.