

Overcoming Some Of Life's Problems

(Part 3)

The Problem Of Sin Genesis 3:1-6

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The Problem Of Sin

The Problem of WHAT (*What Sin Is*)

Sin is a transgression of the law of God

1. 1 John 3:4
2. Example: Adam and Eve.
 - a. The law: Genesis 2:17 – not eat of the fruit.
 - b. The sin: Genesis 3:1-6 – they ate of the fruit.

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The Problem of WHAT (*What Sin Is*)

*Can sin by **doing** and also by **not doing**.*

1. When we do what is forbidden, we commit sin (James 2:9).
2. When we fail to do what is commanded, this omission is sin (James 4:17).

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The Problem Of WHO (*Who Sins*)

All men (whole world) sin

1. Romans 1-3 shows the need man has because all are in sin.
 - a. Romans 1 – The Gentiles are in sin.
 - b. Romans 2 – The Jews, likewise, are in sin.
 - c. Romans 3 – Concludes that **all are in sin** (cf. verses 9, 23).
2. 1 John 5:19 – whole world lies in wickedness.

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The Problem Of WHO (*Who Sins*)

Even good moral and religious people – sin

1. Cornelius – Acts 10
 - a. A good moral man (Acts 10:2, 22).
 - b. Yet, he still needed to be saved from sin (Acts 10:6; 11:14).
2. Ethiopian Treasurer – Acts 8
 - a. A religious – dedicated man (Acts 8:27-28).
 - b. Yet, he still needed to be saved from sin (Acts 8:36).

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The Problem Of WHEN (*When One Becomes A Sinner*)

Not at birth.

1. Calvinism teaches *Total Hereditary Depravity*. It says *than one is born in sin*. That doctrine bred other doctrines and practices like: direct operation of the Spirit, unconditional election, and infant baptism.
2. Ezekiel 18 shows that sin is not inherited.

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The Problem Of WHEN (*When One Becomes A Sinner*)

At the point of becoming accountable before God.

1. Romans 7:9
2. How can one know he has reached that point?
 - a. Old enough to know and understand about Christ (John 8:24).
 - b. Old enough to know what one must do to be saved (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38).
 - c. Old enough to sin – can recognize it in your life (Acts 22:16).

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The Problem Of WHY (*Why Sin Is A Problem*) *Sin separates from God.*

1. *Isaiah 59:1-2 "Behold, Jehovah's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, so that he will not hear."*

2. Death (spiritual separation from God).
 - a. Ezekiel 18:4
 - b. Romans 5:12
 - c. Romans 6:23
 - d. James 1:15

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The Problem Of WHY (*Why Sin Is A Problem*)

Sin will keep us out of heaven (John 8:21).

The reason for obeying the gospel is – man is in sin. He has a need!

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