

WHAT IS SIN?

I have heard so many, many Christian ministers speak out against sin. One man recently ran an advertisement concerning his church, and he did so by denouncing sin. I heard a most powerful message against sin given by a minister from Florida. The interesting thing is, I have never heard one of them define what sin is.

Do you know what sin is? Is there a place in Scripture that defines sin? The answer is a resounding YES! It is found in the book of First John chapter three, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law," Verse 4.

Do you get that?! Sin is the transgression of the law! Now one of the problems concerning these ministers is that they can't teach you what sin is because they teach that the law is done away.

But let's think about this for a moment. If sin is the transgression of the law and the law is done away, then there is no more sin. If there is no more sin, then why do we need to repent? If there is no more sin, then there is no more need for a Savior.

Yes, the teaching is that the Savior came to do away with the law. If the Apostle Peter understood this then why did he exhort the people of his day, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of *Yahshua the Messiah **for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," Acts 2:38.

Even Paul declared, "Do we then make void the law through faith? Yahweh forbid: yea, we establish the law," Ro. 3:31. He said, "We establish the law!" What does that mean? The Greek word for establish can mean a plethora of things. It can be translated as: abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant, establish, hold up, lay, present, set (up), stanch, stand (by, forth, still, up). (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*)

Earlier Paul had proclaimed, "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for **by the law is the knowledge of sin**," Ro. 3:20.

It is true that no flesh can be justified by the works of the law because Paul had made it clear that we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of Elohim. But that is why we need the Savior. He is the One Who saves us from sin, but after we repent and are baptized in Him, then we are expected to walk in accordance with the commandments.

The Apostle John wrote, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Yahshua the Messiah the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that **we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I**

know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him," 1 Jn. 2:1-4.

It was Yahshua who spoke the ten commandments to Israel and wrote them on tables of stone for Moses to take down to the Israelites.

Yahshua healed the impotent man at the pool of Bethesda (Jn. 5:1-13). Later He saw the man in the temple and He told him, "Behold, thou art made whole: **sin no more**, lest a worse thing come unto thee," v. 14.

A woman caught in adultery was brought to Yahshua by her accusers, but when He told them, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her," they all left. (Jn. 8:7) After they were gone He asked the woman, "Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?" v. 10.

When she answered, "She said, No man, Master," He told her, "Neither do I condemn thee: **go, and sin no more**," Jn. 8:11.

In both cases Yahshua told the people to "SIN NO MORE." In other words, quit breaking, quit transgressing the law.

Now that you know what sin is, it is our admonition that you deeply repent of your ignorance, and your sins, be baptized in the name of Yahshua the Messiah, the only name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12), receive the Holy Spirit and go and sin no more!