

# WHAT IS SIN ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE?

Simply put, sin is not following Yah's instructions/teachings. Our soul is what sins. Our soul man is able to experience anger, hatred, joy, love, rebellion and disappointment. These experiences and the experiences of the five senses of the flesh, cause us to sin or not to sin. The spirit of a true "born again" Believer and follower of Yeshua the Messiah cannot sin. It is ones soul that sins when it is not directed by ones spirit. If our soul doesn't respect and follow the laws of the Word of Yahveh we are sinning. We have lawlessness. Sin is lawlessness and the wages of lawlessness is spiritual death. Death of the spirit is the cessation of its communication with Yah. Death of the body is the cutting off of communication between spirit and body. When ones spirit is dead it doesn't mean there is no more spirit, it means the spirit has lost its sensitivity towards Yah and thus is dead to Him.

Torah in Hebrew comes from the root word "yara", which properly translated means: "to shoot to hit the mark". In other words the Torah is the mark/target and the objective of all Believers should be to strive to hit the mark. Sin in Hebrew comes from the root word "hata", which is properly translated as "to miss the mark".

There are various ways sins could be classified, the following are examples:

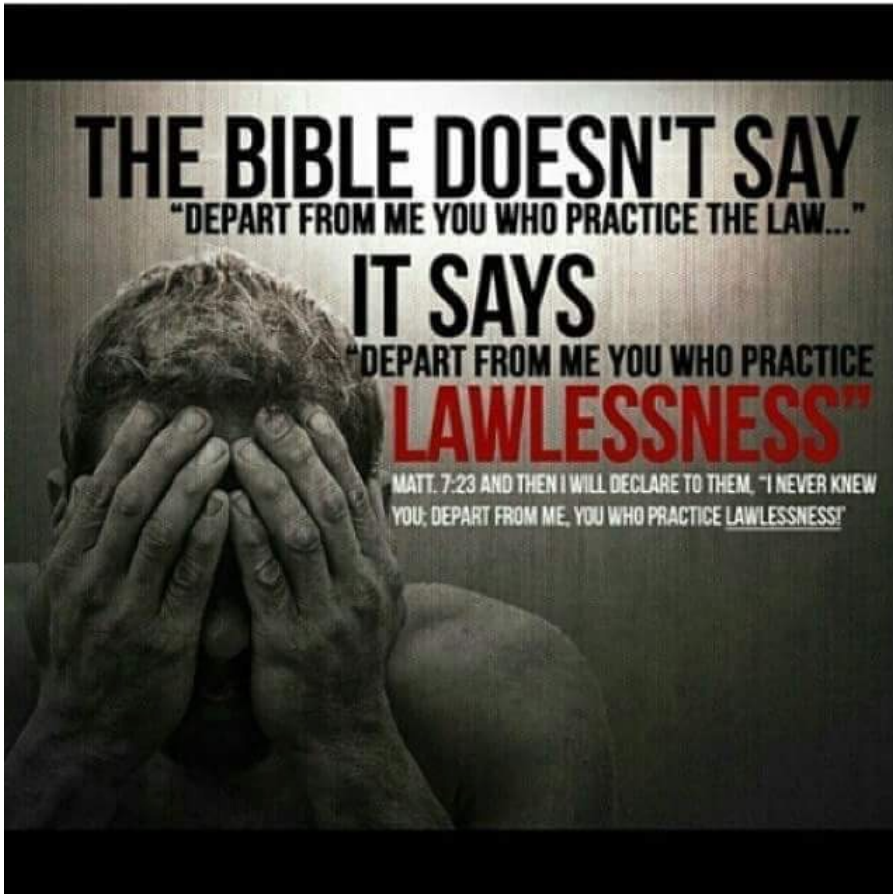
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## SIN IS LAWLESSNESS

According to our Bible, there are many things described as sin, but what it all boils down to is one thing; "**lawlessness**". The law, without exception, has always taught, and will continue to teach man what sin is. The following verse needs to be engraved on the front wall of every proclaimed church sanctuary across the continent.

Sin is not following Yah's laws.

Lawlessness is sin, as clearly stated in: **1John 3:4 "Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness."** Those who proclaim to love Yah and don't follow His instructions/laws are simply sinners. We know we all sin, but when we keep repeating the same sin, we are in jeopardy of loosing our right to salvation. (James 4:17) Continued sin is called iniquity.



**1John 3:7** *“Little children, let no one deceive you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;”* Deception is everywhere in the churches, don't let them deceive you!

**Matt. 7:21-23** *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Master, Master,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. “Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Master, Master, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ “And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; **DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.**”* Lawlessness will not be tolerated by our Father in heaven, for it is sin.

**1John 3:9-10** *“No one who is born of Yah practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of Yah. “By this the children of Yah and the children of the devil are obvious: **anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of Yah, nor the one who does not love his brother.**”* Those who proclaim Adonai's name and don't do what He says, are of the devil. If we are truly born again we will not PRACTICE sin because sin is lawlessness. Adonai cannot and will not accept sin in our lives if we continue to practice it. Born again includes obedience to His law out of our love for Him. This brings us to the most common PRACTICED sin of so-called Believers today.

**Exod. 31:14** *“Therefore you are to observe the sabbath, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people.”* For those who question this command one needs to be reminded of what Adonai said in **Isa. 55:11** *“So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding {in the matter} for which I sent it.”*

**Rom. 6:23** *“The wages of SIN is death”*

Think about it for a moment. Every seven days most of the proclaimed Christians (including those who say they love Yah with all their heart), sin ON PURPOSE by not keeping His biblical sabbath day. Now that's INIQUITY!! Most know it is Saturday, yet they go along with the harlot of Rome in honoring Sunday as the special day of worship. The Catholic catechism has in it the following quote in regards to Sunday worship: *“Sunday is our mark of authority, this transference of the sabbath to Sunday as a day of worship is proof of the fact that we, the Roman Catholic Church, have supremacy over the canon of scripture. It is also proof that the Protestant religions accept our authority as they all recognize the authority of the Roman Catholic Church and observe the Sunday day of worship.”*

We see in the book of Hebrews (Messianic Jews), that the people being spoken to are Believers, not Gentiles. Keeping that in mind one can see that even Believers can loose their salvation. **Hebr. 10:26** *“For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,”* This means that if we continue to repeat the same sin with the biblical knowledge that it is a sin, we can loose our salvation because of it. Verse 27 *“but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.”* We become the adversary of Sar Shalom if we don't stop doing what we know is sinful. If we know something is a sin and continue to sin we stand judged by **James 4:17**

***“Therefore, to one who knows {the} right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.”***

Who is it that prompts people to sin? It is the devil and the work of His anti-Messiah spirit which too often comes in the form of false teachers, shepherds, prophets, and clergy. These proclaimed Believers and teachers that are supposed to be teaching other Believers to follow Yah’s instructions/laws/Torah, are simply of the devil, as described in 1John 3:8. Satan does some of his best work right out of the pulpit.

**1John 3:8** ***“the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of Yah appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”***

Yeshua Himself told us that we are not to continue sinning and ignorantly keep proclaiming grace. **Rom. 6:1-2** ***“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? The fact is, Yeshua told us to quit sinning and to be perfect. as per: Matt. 5:48 “Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”***

Yes, we have all sinned, that is why Yeshua had to die for us in the first place, but to continuously sin and not care about it is something else again. If we continue to sin we are not following Adonai (Rom. 6:15).

**Hebr. 10:28** ***“Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on {the testimony of} two or three witnesses.”***

**2Ths. 2:7** ***For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains {will do so} until he is taken out of the way.”***

There will be people who teach lawlessness as we see in our churches, right until the devil is destroyed. In the Book of Daniel we are clearly told who will come and promote (what spirit) lawlessness and the changing of times and dates. **Dan. 7:25** ***“He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.”***

**2Ths. 2:8** ***“And then that lawless one will be revealed whom Adonai will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;”***

Obviously the one promoting lawlessness is the devil himself.

**Rom. 3:20** ***“because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law {comes} the knowledge of sin.”*** If it wasn’t for our instructions-law we wouldn’t know what sin was.

Sin is not fulfilling ones vows. **Deut. 23:21** ***“When you make a vow to Yah your God, you shall not delay to pay it, for it would be sin in you, and Yah your God will surely require it of you.”*** Could this mean then when we make a vow, with Yah (God), the IOU becomes as sin with us until the vow is upheld and paid or honored?

**1John 3:14** ***“We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.”*** Lack of love leads to spiritual death which eventually leads to eternal death. This is best described by the scriptures themselves. **1John 5:16-17** ***“If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not {leading} to death, he shall ask and {God} will for him give life to those who commit sin not {leading} to death. There is a sin {leading} to death; I do not say that he should make request for***

*this. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not {leading} to death.”*

**2Cor. 6:14** *“Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?”* Here it continues to show that true Believers (ones who follow the instructions Yah gave them from their circumcised heart), should not even take part with the ones who claim to be Believers but aren't.

**Matt. 18:3** *“and said, “Truly I say to you, unless you are converted **and become like children**, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.”* Here Yeshua was talking about us being like children who have an open pure spirit that is willing to listen and learn. A spirit of a child can be shaped, corrected and moulded in the image of Yeshua. We must be pliable like a lump of clay in the Master potters hands. If we resist this, we resist the very salvation being offered. There are consequences for those who don't listen and obey. They resist to their own demise.

**Matt. 23:25-33** *“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence. **“You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.”** Even so you too outwardly appear righteous to men, but **inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.** Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, and say, ‘If we had been {living} in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in {shedding} the blood of the prophets.’ Consequently you bear witness against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up then the measure {of the guilt} of your fathers. **“You serpents, you brood of vipers, how shall you escape the sentence of hell?”** Yeshua was scolding the teachers of those days. He makes it clear to them that they are blind. Today we have those same blind Pharisees (hypocrites means ACTORS), being called pastors standing in pulpits sunday morning.*

**Matt. 24:12-13** *“And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. **“But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.”** This means its an uphill battle for real Believers until the law is on our heart, but it will be worth it in the end.*

## **SIN FROM NOT FOLLOWING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

Sin of not keeping the Ten Commandments is lawlessness. The Torah contains the standards for righteousness. Even in the Re-Newed Covenant we are constantly reminded of the importance of Yah's commands. **Matt. 19:16-17** *“And behold, one came to Him and said, “Teacher, **what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?”** And He said to him, “Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is {only} One who is good; but **if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.**”* Obviously we should keep the commandments in order to receive and maintain our salvation. A heart submissive to the will of Adonai, is essential to faith. It is reflected in obedience, keeping the Ten Commandments. In verse 18 Yeshua recites 5 of the 10 commandments; then He speaks of the one that summarizes those five, “love”. **Matt. 19:18-19** *“He said to*

Him, "Which ones?" And Yeshua said, "**YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER; YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL; YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS; HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER ; AND YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF**"

The book of John speaks of real love for Yah. **John 15:10** "**If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.**"

Righteousness is the Torah. **Ps. 119:172** "**Let my tongue sing of Thy word, For all Thy commandments are righteousness.**" It's safe to say that most respect King David as a wonderful man of Yah. King David gives his opinion of the commands of Yah clearly in this verse. It's safe to say that He is wise and His opinion is of great value. (Ezek. 37:24-25)

The laws of Yah guide us to righteousness. We need the righteousness of Yah through Yeshua to be just in His sight.

**1John 5:15-16** "*And if we know that He hears us {in} whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not {leading} to death, he shall ask and {Hashem} will for him give life to those who commit sin not {leading} to death. **There is a sin {leading} to death; I do not say that he should make request for this.***" Sin without repentance, leads to spiritual death, which is the loss of ones salvation. "Sin leading to death" as stated here, is sin that is repeated knowingly and not truly repented. Breaking the fourth commandment weekly is a perfect example of a sin that may be considered leading to spiritual death. Those who insist on weekly following the rules and doctrine of churches that support lawlessness, may pay the price weekly, and maybe, eternally.

Commandments and blessings are tied together very much so. We see them compatible in **Ps. 133:3** "*It is like the dew of Hermon, Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there **Adonai commanded the blessing** —life forever.*"

The fifth commandment **Exod. 20:12** "*Honor your father and your mother, that your days **may be prolonged in the land which Adonai your Yah gives you.***" is the first commandment with a promise that is conditional. If one doesn't fulfill the condition prescribed, he will not receive the promised blessing nor the promised longevity. We must remember that of all the Israelites that came out of Egypt, Caleb and Joshua were the only ones who got to see the promised land of Canaan.

**Note: Who was the head of the tribe of Judah when they went into the promised land?**

Caleb was their leader, yet Caleb was not even from the tribe of Judah. Caleb was a Kenizzite. He was the man in charge of the tribe of Judah, yet he was not from that tribe (Josh 14:14, Numb. 32:12,).

### **SINS OF DISOBEDIENCE**

**Eph. 2:1-2** "*And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the **sons of disobedience.***" Disobedience is the work of the prince of the air.

Sin leads to death and obedience leads to righteousness. **Rom. 6:16** "*Do you not*

know that when you present yourselves to someone {as} slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, **either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?**”

**Rom. 5:19** “For as **through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners**, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.”

**1Sam. 15:22** “And Samuel said, Has Adonai as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of Adonai? Behold, **to obey is better than sacrifice, {And} to heed than the fat of rams.**”

Salvation may not come to professing Believers who follow pagan customs and traditions and use the name of Messiah contrary to the customs of the Bible. **Mark 7:6-8** “And He said to them, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, **THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. ‘BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.’** “Neglecting the commandment of Yah, you hold to the tradition of men.” Following Yeshua is a way of life. People are only deceiving themselves if they follow pagan customs, rituals, holidays, etc., and believe that they are eternally saved. By their actions they prove that they are neither saved nor born again.

**Ps. 119:9-11** “How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping {it} according to Thy word. With all my heart I have sought Thee; **Do not let me wander from Thy commandments.** Thy word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against Thee”.

**Eph. 4:26** “**BE ANGRY, AND {YET} DO NOT SIN;** do not let the sun go down on your anger,” The paraphrase here, might read, “Be angry and yet follow the law”.

**1Cor. 5:9-10** “I wrote you in my letter **not to associate with immoral people;** I {did} not at all {mean} with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world.” In this verse, Paul is talking to Believers that were immoral, not secular people.

## **DOCTRINE OF ORIGINAL SIN**

The doctrine of the original sin is the term “original sin”, actually a term from a phrase that comes originally from the Roman Catholic church. Their idea was that because you were consummated from a sexual act, you were born of sin. That is why they push so heavy for infants to be baptized, to remove that original sin.

In Judaism they believe that children up to the age of, 12 or 13, (bar mitvah and bat mitzvah), are not accountable. The parent serves as a priest of that house providing a covering for the children up to that age. Purgatory is a Jewish word for what happens when a child under the age of accountability dies. This is how they describe this zone. The Catholics took this idea and ran with it in all different crazy directions. Adam came into the world in the image of Yah. Gen. 5:1 Adam bore Seth and Seth came into the world in the image of Adam, not in the image of Yah. That is the reason we need to be born again. We have a problem because that is the image we were born into, that of Adam. Our Father Adam brought sin and death into the world so we need to be born again so we are not of the world. That’s the reason Yeshua came, so He could restore all things. He is the new Adam and in Him we are the new born again mankind, just like the original Adam was at the beginning before the fall. All men are NOT made in the image of God, only in

the image of Adam. That's why we must be born again.

## **SINS OF OMISSION**

Sins of omission can be described as “things we should have done but failed to do, for whatever reason”. These things pertain to our normal living routine. We sometimes say and do things that are not characteristic of our nature. We say or do things on the spur of the moment that we know better than to have done. This is often the case of using Yah's name in vain. We may be having a bad day, or be not feeling well and we let our mouths get carried away; this is unfortunately normal, but of course must be repented of. We must put it under the blood of the lamb daily. This is a very common thing in the life of a Believer and all are guilty of it. If it becomes a regular problem that we have trouble controlling, then we must look into the possibility of it being in the demonic realm, and deal with it accordingly.

## **SINS OF COMMISSION**

Sins of commission are the most serious ones. Pre-meditated sins are simply not acceptable to Yah. These sins can lead us to the unpardonable sin spoken of in **Matt. 12:31-32** *Because of this, I tell you that people will be forgiven any sin and blasphemy, but **blaspheming the Ruach HaKodesh will not be forgiven.** One can say something against the Son of Man and be forgiven; but whoever keeps on speaking against the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) will not be forgiven, neither in the olam hazeh (this age) nor in the olam haba (age to come)(CJB).* There are many ideas about what sin against the Holy Spirit is, but in general, I think it's safe to say, whatever one might classify these types of sins to be, they are no doubt pre-meditated. If one continues to sin consciously, and with malice, there can no longer be a sacrifice for the sin, as Yeshua atoned for us on the stake. **Hebr. 10:26** ***“For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,”*** What is being revealed here is as follows: In the early years of the Temple you could literally sin as much as you wanted if you didn't truly follow El Gibor, and still daily offer up a sacrifice to cover that sin, whatever it may be. Now that Yeshua died on the stake for our sins, we can't offer up sacrifices to cover our sin. We are to repent of the sin, and change our ways, or we are not following Yahveh in spirit and in truth. This is not to say that Yah will not ever forgive us, but it means that we must repent of such a sin and stop doing it. As long as we can come before the throne of His grace and mercy, and repent, He is willing to forgive and pardon us. If we refuse to repent (change), then we simply lose whatever rights we previously had as a Believer. This includes our salvation.

Fundamentalists have trouble explaining this verse. They claim that this verse is not speaking of truly converted Believers, but pertains to those unsaved persons, who after receiving the knowledge of the truth, still refuse to accept the substitutionary sacrifice of Yeshua. This may sound acceptable unless one realizes the “we” in verse 26 includes both the writer and the reader of this Gospel. If you look at the preceding verse 22 you will see that the writer is talking to Believers, not unbelievers. **Hebr. 10:22** *“let **us** draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled {clean} from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”* Also note the word “us,” used there, it is again referring to the writer as well as the people spoken to.

If we look at verse 28-29 we will see that the writer uses the word, “was” sanctified.

**Hebr. 10:28-29** *“Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on {the testimony of} two or three witnesses. How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of Yahveh, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he **was** sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?”* Clearly he is talking about a member of Yah’s true church when he talks about the loss of salvation, by returning to a life of sin.

## **SINS OF IGNORANCE**

If one does something sinful in the eyes of Pele Yoetz (wonderful counsellor) without being aware of it, He grants us mercy. If we continue to do the same sin we can no longer claim such ignorance. **Lev. 4:2** *“Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘If a person sins **unintentionally** in any of the things which Yah has commanded not to be done, and commits any of them,’”* **Lev. 4:22** *‘When a leader sins and **unintentionally** does any one of all the things which Yahveh Elohim has commanded not to be done, and he becomes guilty,’* Leaders make mistakes too. I think it’s safe to say that most of us would consider ourselves common people as such. **Lev. 4:27** *‘Now **if anyone of the common people sins unintentionally** in doing any of the things which Yah has commanded not to be done, and becomes guilty,’*

This ignorance can be personal or corporate, depending on the situation. Yah has made provisions for this type of sin as per. **Lev. 4:13** *‘Now **if the whole congregation of Israel commits error**, and the matter escapes the notice of the assembly, and they commit any of the things which Yah has commanded not to be done, and they become guilty;’* If a group sins, they should all repent as a whole. This is something that some of the mainline churches have never done as a unit, for the atrocities they allowed to happen to the Jewish people throughout the ages of our pagan church dominance, under the guise of Christianity.

A good example of knowing better, but continuing to sin is the weekly trek of millions of not so ignorant Christians every SUNday morning, giving reverence to the most ungodly irreverent day of the week, claiming it to be holy. This is one of the most common sins of so-called Believers that must upset Yah every week. Why He has refrained from simply destroying the lives of these people is beyond comprehension. Truly He has an unlimited amount of mercy, and truly these babes in Messiah must put Him to the test, even though our good book says never to test our Yah. These people wonder why they are sickly, why they have so many family problems, and why they have no peace, yet the truth is staring them right in the face. Their hearts are hardened, their eyes do not see, and their ears, do not hear (Matt. 13:15).

## **SINS OF THE FLESH/WEAKNESS**

Many sins can be classified as sins of momentary weakness of our flesh. **Eph. 4:26** *“**BE ANGRY, AND {YET} DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger,**”* Another good example of this type of sin can be found in **Rom. 7:15** *“For that which I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I {would} like to {do,} but I am doing the very thing I hate.”* Paul knew that even though he tried hard not to sin, his old self-nature, called the flesh, still had tremendous influence on his actions. Though his thoughts were good, sometimes the old nature (sin nature), worked its way out to the



surface and caused him to sin. Even a great man like Sha'ul was not totally lead by the Spirit of Yah.

## **SINS OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**

**1John 5:17** *“All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not {leading} to death.”*

This verse verifies that sin is unrighteousness.

**Rom. 6:12-15** *“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin {as} instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to Yah as those alive from the dead, and your members {as} instruments of righteousness to Yah. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace. **What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!**”* Sin is being emphasized here, not law. The words “under the law” here, as in all places, Paul used to mean “legalism”.

**1Cor. 6:9-10** *“Or do you not know that **the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of Yah? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor {the} covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of Yah**”* Again, this means what it says; that those who are unrighteous, repeating the same sin again and again and (don't follow the laws of Adonai from a circumcised heart), will not enter the Kingdom of Yah. And for those who simply don't want to listen, it says “do not be deceived”. All of the sins listed above are of the flesh, the old sin nature.

## **WHAT IS INIQUITY?**

**1John 3:4 (KJV)** *“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law.**”* According to Strongs Greek Lexicon, the word that is translated “transgression of the law”, here, means-”anomia”, from 459; illegality, in violation of the law, or wickedness. There is a fascinating word study that can be done when we examine all the verses that this word, and also “anomos” (458), is translated to. His law is what tells us what sin is. They say His law has been replaced by “love”, but it is His law that teaches us HOW to love one another and love Him with all our heart. This is the original purpose of the law. We must consider that the very definition of living righteously is to live according to His Torah of love. We have all failed, but His law includes a provision for that also; it's called **MERCY**. Yah is righteous, therefore He has to have mercy. Being merciful is a part of being righteous, and mercy is a part of His law!

Remember Yeshua said “the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith”. **Matt. 23:23 (KJV)** *“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and **have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.**”* Not only is mercy part of the law, but it is one of the weightier matters of the law”.

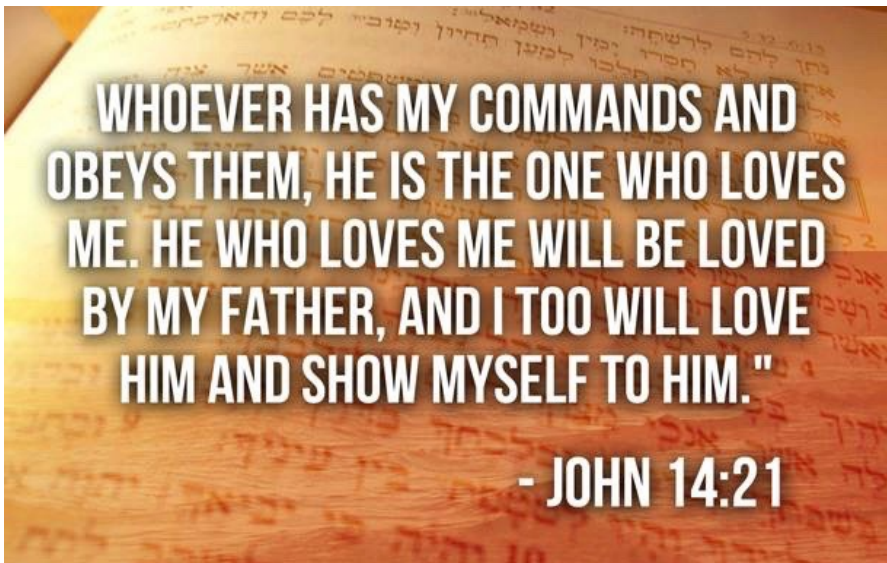
We see many examples of the transgression of the law today. We hear plenty of messages from mainstream Christianity telling us about His grace and mercy--and thats great--but there are very few verses on REPENTING and living righteously by living according to His commandments! When all the while it is repentance that is required from our hearts to even receive His mercy. Many say that His law is a burden and need not be kept. This is so far from the truth! It is Satan's grand deception! **2Ths. 2:7 (KJV)** *“For the*

mystery of **iniquity** doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.” Guess where the word “iniquity” comes from in this verse. It is anomia (the same word translated “transgression of the law” in 1John 3:4). Continuing in **2Ths. 2:11** (KJV) “**And for this cause Yah shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:**” If one doesn’t love His truth, His Word, Yah will send them a strong delusion, that they should believe a lie. If delusion is from Yah, it is sure to be strong! If one doesn’t love His word (all of it), then how can they LOVE Yeshua, who is the Word? **2Ths. 2:12** (KJV) “**That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**” They had pleasure in “unrighteousness”.

Unrighteousness is sin and sin is breaking/transgressing Yah’s laws, as we discussed earlier.

**\*NOTE The fact remains, that most people who accept the Messiah, are not FULLY REPENTING because they are taught they need not repent of breaking Yah’s law!**

So, if they loved not the truth, if instead they had pleasure in unrighteousness, and unrighteousness is sin, and sin is transgression of the law, then the fact remains that most people



who accept the Messiah are not fully REPENTING, because they are taught they need not repent of breaking Yah’s laws! That is what the pastors teach.

**Matt. 7:23** (KJV) “**And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**” The word that is translated “iniquity” in this verse; guess what it is? “Anomia”, the same word used in 1John 3:4, transgression of the law! The “Mystery of Anomia” is at work today, all around us. **Rev. 14:12** (KJV) “**Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of Yah, and the faith of Messiah**” Yah has promised to lead us in the paths of righteousness when we seek. **Matt. 6:33** (KJV) “**But seek ye first the kingdom of Yah, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**” **Matt. 5:6** (KJV) “**Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.**” **Ps. 23:3** (KJV) “**He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.**” Where does it say “those commandment keepers get thrown into the lake of fire”? Sin is not iniquity, but iniquity is sin. The “iniquity” spoken of in our Good Book, by Yeshua, is “adikia” or “anomia”. Most any churchman will tell you iniquity is sin. The churches will tell you that sin is iniquity and iniquity is sin. The truth is that there is a big difference between sin and iniquity.

The word for iniquity, rebellion, and all evil consequences of rebellion is often said to be avon (as in “avon calling”), aven, evel, avah, havvah or even resha. This is an incorrect statement and misuse of these words.

I will tell you that a big part of the mystery of iniquity is to have you believe that sin is the same thing as iniquity. Under the re-newed covenant, sealed by the Blood of Yeshua, there is a very important difference.

We know that sin is the transgression of the law (1John 3:4). Iniquity also involves a transgression of the law but it is more than that.

A good old dictionary, printed before 1950 will give you the truth almost every time. "Iniquity is gross injustice".

Let me say it again -- **Iniquity is GROSS INJUSTICE.** The most GROSS INJUSTICE is to say that the Righteous Judge of all the Universe, is wrong in any judgment. That is precisely what we do whenever we excuse or cover our sin. Excusing one's sin is iniquity. When we cover our own sin or excuse our sin, or rationalize our sin, or fail to agree with Yah that our sin is sin, we turn that sin into iniquity. Adam's sin of eating the forbidden fruit turned to iniquity when he said in **Gen. 3:12** "The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me.."

Iniquity is when we excuse or cover or hide our own sin. Then it turns into iniquity. Yah, the Righteous Judge, says if you transgressed the law, and you say anything other than to ask forgiveness through the Blood of Yeshua, it turns to iniquity. Only the power of the Blood of Yeshua covers the sin and EMPOWERS me, by that same power of the Blood of Yeshua to STOP DOING THAT SIN. If I hide sin, or fail to agree with Yah, or do not purpose to stop and turn away from the sin, then it turns into iniquity.

Mixing spirituality and lawlessness is the ultimate absurdity of Christian lawlessness. This is the essence of the mystery of iniquity, which seems to have become full in these last few years. The world is on a collision course with judgment. The judgment will begin with the house of Yah.

1Pet. 4:17 (KJV) "**For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of Yah: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of Yah?**"

2John 1:10-11 (KJV) "**If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Yah's speed: For he that biddeth him Yah's speed is partaker of his evil deeds.**"

When we repent, we agree with Yah that we were wrong; and, we agree to turn away and stop that sin. When we repent, then through the power of the Blood of Yeshua, Yah will have mercy and cover that sin, and throw it in the sea of forgetfulness. Yah will give you power through the Blood of Yeshua to stop that sin. He will not bring it up to you again. Yah is a merciful Yah who forgives sin. The Blood of Yeshua will not only cover that sin; but, empower you not to transgress again.

You see, the real Messiah Yeshua, came to save sinners. He cannot and will not save workers of iniquity. He will not forgive iniquity. In fact, iniquity cannot be forgiven. Iniquity is gross injustice, which, instead of saying "so be it" to the convicting voice of the Holy Spirit, says everybody sins every day.

When enough iniquity is heaped up, iniquity becomes full, and one will no longer hear the convicting voice of the Holy Spirit. Iniquity gives any excuse or any covering of any sin other than pleading for mercy through the Blood of Yeshua.

Let me give you a very good reason why you need to understand the difference

between sin and iniquity. **Matt. 7:22-23** *“Many will say to me in that day, Elohim, Elohim, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work **iniquity**.”* Is it iniquity to say that everybody sins every day? Is that a work of iniquity?

Could "Once saved always saved" be considered iniquity? In propagating such false doctrines does one become a worker of iniquity? Is the profession of la la land pre-trib rapture doctrine a work of iniquity? May be tough questions, but not nearly as tough as standing before the Righteous Judge and Creator of the Universe as a worker of iniquity!

Our precious and mighty Judge will punish us for our iniquities. We must cease sinning daily and offer ourselves up daily as a living sacrifice so that we can be used and lead by Yah's Spirit in us.

**The following verses give us an idea of how serious iniquity can be.**

**Gen. 4:13** *“And Cain said to Adonai, **“My punishment is too great to bear!***

**1Sam. 28:10** *“And Saul vowed to her by Adonai, saying, **“As Adonai lives, there shall no punishment come upon you for this thing.”***

**Lam. 4:6** *“For the **iniquity** of the daughter of my people Is greater than the sin of Sodom, Which was overthrown as in a moment, And no hands were turned toward her.”*

**Lam. 4:22** *“**{The punishment}** of your iniquity has been completed, O daughter of Zion; He will exile you no longer. **{But}** He will punish your iniquity, O daughter of Edom; He will expose your sins!”*

**Isa. 53:5** *“But He was pierced through for our transgressions, **He was crushed for our iniquities**; The chastening for our well-being **{fell}** upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.”*

There will be no workers of iniquity in the Kingdom of Yah. The Kingdom of Yah is filled with Believers. The kingdom of Yah is filled with redeemed, forgiven sinners. The kingdom of Yah will not have workers of iniquity. A worker of iniquity is anyone who makes any excuse for sin. Any excuse for any sin, is iniquity.

Yah forgives sins. Only the True Yah can forgive sins. That is how you know the True Yah. That is what distinguishes the True God from all the false gods. Only the True Yah forgives sins. The false gods can counterfeit almost anything, but they cannot forgive sins.

Anyone who will not admit, or covers or hides his sin, turns that sin into iniquity. Yah does not forgive iniquity. When the Righteous Judge convicts by His Holy Spirit, we must agree and repent or we will NOT be in the Kingdom of Yah. How many in our present Laodicean church age even try to hear His voice?

The problem with iniquity is that in making the excuse for the sin we not only refuse to repent, but we call Yah an unjust or unrighteous Judge. We judge Yah when we excuse our sin and turn it into iniquity.

For any sin to be forgiven you must admit it is sin. It is not a mistake. Everyone does not do it. Everyone does not sin every day. Are you redeemed if you sin every day? What are you redeemed from? If you are redeemed from sin, you stop sinning. **Ps. 38:4** *“For mine **iniquities** are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.”* (KJV) Even David was troubled by iniquity. The difference between David and many

today, is that David was troubled by his iniquity. Then there is hope. Today, Satan and his luciferian new world order is trying to wear out the patience of the saints. David also talks about being under a demonic attack from a plaguing spirit of discouragement! Sometimes it is hard to tell the difference between the convicting work of the Holy Spirit and a demonic attack of discouragement. The difference is hope. Seek diligently to see if you have covered, or made any excuse for any sin. Be like David the man after Yah's heart, who would DO all His will. **Ps. 38:18** *"For I will declare mine **iniquity**; I will be sorry for my sin."* (KJV)

At the same time, once we have stopped making any excuse for any sin, and agreed with El emet that it is sin, and asked that the sin be covered by the Blood of Yeshua, don't let Satan beat you up with any past and forgiven sin. It is a demonic discouraging spirit that would say that any sin that you have asked El emet to cover by the Blood and firmly purposed to stop, is not forgiven, not gone, and not forgotten by El emet. The spirit behind any past confessed and stopped sin, comes straight from the bowels of hell. In these days when the luciferian new world order is trying to wear out the patience of the saints, you need to understand that you will be attacked. You will be attacked by a demonic discouraging spirit. The answer is the Blood of Yeshua, and not making excuses for sin. Keeping the accounts short. Know the time will come when every dedicated believer is overwhelmed by this sudden and unexpected experience.

The answer is the Blood of Yeshua! No Believer brings it on himself unless he excuses his sin, nor does Adonai send it. Such an attack usually has nothing to do with any specific sin, unless an excuse has turned it to iniquity. The answer is always the Blood of Yeshua. Any sin that has been confessed and covered by the Blood of Yeshua will not be brought up by the Holy Spirit. El emet has put it in His sea of forgetfulness.

Iniquity, and the spirit of discouragement are two of Satan's most potent weapons against Yah's elect. Most often, he uses it to try to convince us we've brought Yah's wrath upon ourselves by not measuring up to his holy standards. But the apostle Paul urges us not to fall prey to the devil's snare: **2Cor. 2:11** *"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices"* Paul is saying, *"You have to see your discouragement for what it really is!"* It is a demonic weapon — an arrow that Satan shoots at you from his quiver to get you to doubt yourself. He knows he can't tempt you to turn away from Yeshua. So he swamps you with vicious lies to make you think you'll never be good enough to serve Messiah. Do not ever let it become a question of how good we are. The answer is always the Power of the Blood of Yeshua. Satan has got you if he can get you to excuse a sin, and he will try to make you feel good on your way to hell. If you have confessed it and stopped it, then Satan wants to get you so downcast that you'll want to throw in the towel! No way, that is when you are to praise Yah for the power of the blood of Yeshua. Praise Him in all things.

**Ps. 38:9** *"Yahveh, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee."*

**Ps. 38:21** *"Forsake me not, O Yahveh: O my God, be not far from me."*

**Ps. 38:22** *"Make haste to help me, O Yahveh my salvation."*

**Let me give you horse choking truth about iniquity. There is nothing more GROSS than the INJUSTICE or iniquity which would say that everybody sins every day.** Brokenness, troubles, depression, mourning, sickness — all of these things can bow

our spirit low. We can feel empty, without direction, like we have learned nothing over the years. We can feel like we have lost our vision and revelation of Yah. We can feel like we can't reach Yah like we used to!

Have we hidden any sin from Yah? Do we have any unconfessed sin? That is the only question worth asking. If we have no hidden sin, then we need to praise Yah for the Blood of Yeshua.

We have become overwhelmed with discouragement. There are times I felt that I was a total failure for Adonai. Unless there is hidden sin, INIQUITY, I will guarantee those feelings are from Satan. In either case, that is when we need to go to Adonai for the Power of the Blood of Yeshua! Otherwise we become a target for the powers of hell, especially right after great spiritual victories.

Sometimes this heavy, demonic spirit can even prevent us from coming to Adonai, too down and discouraged to even lift our hands up to Him. You can get so down you can't pray, too confused to speak. Then is the time to shout "Blood of Yeshua"! "Blood of Yeshua"! When being attacked or in any doubt, shout the "Blood of Yeshua". The power of the Blood of Yeshua is so great that the only real enemy we have is ourselves. If we fall into the greatest trap of the devil, to fail to confess AND STOP any sin, thereby turning that sin into iniquity.

Never give space for iniquity or unbelief. The only two things that can bring us down is iniquity or unbelief. That is how we know when a church or minister has gone apostate. The most sure sign of apostasy will be an excuse for sin, "like everybody sins every day". Yeshua says, **"GO AND SIN NO MORE!"** Cut sin no slack. If you are being taught such a perverse doctrine run from such a place, or minister. Yeshua, saves you from the law of sin and death and gives the Power of the HOLY Spirit to stop sinning.

It is the Holy Spirit who not only convicts you of sin but KEEPS you from unbelief. The difference between belief and faith is the Holy Spirit. Faith is belief plus the Holy Spirit.

David Wilkerson says, *"We can talk to Yah all we want about our feelings of failure. We can tell him about our despair over our sins and foolish mistakes. But we are never to entertain the thought that he has abandoned us. This is a serious accusation, and our Yah doesn't take it lightly"* That is why the only two things we need be concerned about is iniquity or unbelief. Don't ever think you will get away with hiding or excusing a sin or thinking Adonai has abandoned you. Yah will not allow such unbelief among His people! After all that our precious Yah has done for us, the most hurtful accusation we can make against Him is that He has neglected us. We are to beware of such unbelief, especially in our difficult times. Don't allow iniquity or unbelief. Even at his lowest point, David wouldn't allow himself to wallow in unbelief. He cried, **Ps. 38:15** *"For in thee, O Yah, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Yah my Elohim"*

When you endure an attack from a demonic spirit of discouragement, don't try to escape the attack through your own wits. You're no match for the demonic spirit you're up against. The Blood of Yeshua is the way. Blood of Yeshua! The battle is far beyond your human skill or physical power to wage. It will not be overcome by talking it out with friends, or by books, seminars, or counselors. The conflict is in the spiritual realm, and it has to be fought in the spirit. The example of David under this attack in Psalm 38 is

fantastic. First he would not allow UNBELIEF and then he checked for INIQUITY. His questions were not doubts about Yah. David did not know about the Blood of Yeshua. If he did you can bet your last penny he would have been shouting "Blood of Yeshua", "Blood of Yeshua"! David experienced despair and depression because of his sin. He endured Adonai's chastening when he numbered his fighting men, which was against Yah's will. He felt the pain of Yah's rod when he committed adultery with Bathsheba and arranged to have her husband murdered. His heart broke with dejection over the judgment he brought on his family because of these sins. David Himself was demonically possessed, He realized it and dealt with it.

We can be discouraged because of our sins. That is good, and we should endure the chastening of Adonai. We should also understand that in these last days sin and disobedience can be deadly. We must stop sinning. We must not hide or excuse any sin and turn it into INIQUITY. Many Believers today are discouraged because of their sins. Some are depressed because the Holy Spirit has wanted to bring them into victory, but they resist. They've chosen the way of the flesh, and bought the lie that everybody sins every day, and that always leads to pain and discouragement. We must be repentant Believers. The only true Believers are repentant Believers. The walk of repentance is the way of salvation. We must seek Sar Shalom with all our hearts. If we are attacked by the kind of discouragement that comes upon us suddenly, out of nowhere, for no apparent reason, don't be dumbfounded. Expect it. Guard against UNBELIEF and INIQUITY and stand on the Power of the Blood of Yeshua. When the attack comes, don't think it's unusual. Yah allows this kind of fiery testing with all His saints. Peter writes, **1Pet. 4:12** *"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you"* Discouragement is a trial Yah's people have endured for centuries! Remember, they overcame it by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives to the death.

The only things that can bring us down are UNBELIEF and INIQUITY. When you're under attack from the enemy's spirit of discouragement, you won't feel like praying. You must go to the power of the Blood of Yeshua.. You don't need to worry about trying to pray your way out of despair. This is the time for Yah's Spirit to go to work in you. **James 4:7** *"Submit yourselves therefore to Yah. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."* If you are in INIQUITY you have not submitted and you are in trouble. Confess your sin and then you have the power of the Blood of Yeshua. When you go to Adonai, you must be honest with Him. Tell Him how weak and helpless you feel. To get out of depression, Yah's power is going to have to make it happen in such low times. Hashem is very patient with us. The only thing which can block the power of the Blood of Yeshua is UNBELIEF or INIQUITY. He will never forsake you! Don't buy the doctrine that the Holy Spirit leaves you if you remain obedient. You must go deep into iniquity for that. Yah's Spirit will not abandon you when you need Him most! If He leaves me whenever I fail and fall deep into discouragement, how could He be my comforter? That wouldn't provide any comfort at all. In fact, it would leave me in Satan's power! The Holy Spirit is my soul's Sanctifier. How could He do this work if He flies in and out of my life every time I fail? How could I ever see my sin without the Spirit's presence there to convict me of it? Just don't hide or excuse your sin and turn it into INIQUITY. How could I know how to change if He wasn't

there to guide and direct me? If you go your own way, the way of the flesh, hiding or excusing your sin, that is INIQUITY.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. The holy spirit will not let you be deceived. The holy spirit will convict you. The set apart spirit will not condemn you. The conviction of the Holy Spirit always has a note of hope. If you don't hear that note of hope, telling you to take it to Yeshua and the power of His Blood, it is condemnation and you need to tell it to bug off by the power of the Blood of Yeshua. You must dare to believe He will speak to you! You will come out of your trial more victorious, because your faith will have been tested and tried as gold. Guard against INIQUITY and UNBELIEF.

I recommend going through the 10 commandments in Exodus 20 and ask Yah's forgiveness and mercy through the Blood of Yeshua for every transgression. I don't know about you, but I have transgressed almost all 10 of them. Going through them and asking for forgiveness for each of those specific law transgressions can be wonderful.

They are put under the Blood of Yeshua. I stand on the word as it says in: **Isa. 43:1** *"But now thus saith Adonai that created thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee, O Israel, **Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.**"*

**Jer. 9:5** *"And everyone deceives his neighbor, And does not speak the truth, They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves **committing iniquity.**"*

**Isa. 59:4** *"No one sues righteously and no one pleads honestly. They trust in confusion, and speak lies; They conceive mischief, **and bring forth iniquity.**"*

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