

# Understanding Sin

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What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." 8 But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. 9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. 11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. 12 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

# Romans 7:9

- I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.

- Luke 11:21
- 21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace.

## Eph 2:1-3

- **And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins**, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. NKJV

## Phil 3:4-6

- If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a **Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.** NKJV

# Gal 1:14

- 14 And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. NKJV

## Luke 18:9-14

- Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men — extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' NKJV

# Matt 19:20

- 20 The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" NKJV

## Rom 10:3

- 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. NKJV

# John 15:22, 24

- 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.
- 24 If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. NKJV

# Rom 5:6

- For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. NKJV

**The Law can never justify a man,  
much less sanctify him**

**There is no greater  
misunderstanding of the law than  
to believe that 'obligation implies  
ability'**

**There is no state which is more dangerous than to feel that we are not sinners, and that there is no sin in us.**

# **The first stage of spiritual life is to feel that you are dead!**

- When the commandment came sin revived and I died.