



JUNIOR HIGH BIBLE MEMORY: SIN AND SALVATION

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I. SIN IS DEFINED SCRIPTURALLY.

A. Sin is “missing the mark” or a failure to meet God’s standards. Romans 3:23; James 4:17

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

B. Sin is transgression of God’s law. I John 3:4

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

C. Sin is committed against God. Psalm 51:4

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.

II. SIN ORIGINATED IN THE ANGELIC REALM.

A. The Devil (Lucifer) committed sin. I John 3:8

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

B. Other angels committed sin. II Peter 2:4

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

III. SIN SPREAD TO THE HUMAN RACE.

A. The Devil (Satan) was the chief agent in the Fall of Man. II Corinthians 11:3

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

B. Sin entered the world through Adam. Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

C. The sinful nature is transmitted to all Adam’s posterity, with the exception of Christ. Romans 5:19; I John 1:8

19 For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

D. Sin is perpetuated by mankind because his heart is evil. Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 15:19

9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

IV. SIN IS DAMAGING AND DEGRADING TO MANKIND.

A. Man’s sinful nature has placed him in a state of spiritual death. Ephesians 2:1

And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

B. The sin of one generation affects its posterity. Exodus 20:5

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

C. Man’s sin repays him with wickedness. Isaiah 3:11; Proverbs 13:2

11 Woe unto the wicked! *it shall be ill with him*: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth: but the soul of the transgressors *shall eat* violence.

D. Sin brings death which is inescapable outside of Christ. James 1:15

Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

1. The first death is physical, bodily. Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

2. The second death is spiritual, eternal separation from God, Who is Life. Revelation 21:8

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.



V. SIN AND THE HOLINESS OF GOD ARE IRRECONCILABLE.

A. God is righteous. Psalm 119:137

Righteous *art* thou, O LORD, and upright *are* thy judgments.

B. God abhors sin. Psalm 5:4-6

4 For thou *art* not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

C. God knows our sins. Psalm 69:5

O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.

D. Sin separates us from God. Isaiah 59:1-2

1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

E. The Law was given to condemn man's sins and to show his need for Christ. Galatians 3:24

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

VI. SALVATION FROM SIN AND DEATH IS IMPOSSIBLE APART FROM GOD'S PLAN.

A. Old Testament sacrifices could not take away sin. Hebrews 10:4

For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

B. The Law cannot give righteousness and life. Galatians 3:21-22

21 *Is* the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

C. Works cannot give righteousness and life. Isaiah 64:6

But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

D. No person or god can provide salvation. Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

E. Grace, unmerited favor, came by Jesus Christ. John 1:17

For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

VII. SALVATION FROM SIN AND DEATH IS MADE POSSIBLE BY GOD'S PLAN.

A. Jesus Christ is God Incarnate, sent to redeem us. Galatians 4:4-5

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

B. Conversion is a sinner's turning from his sin toward God. Acts 3:19

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

C. Regeneration is being "born again" at conversion, and it is accomplished by God. Titus 3:5

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

D. At Salvation, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit as security and indwelt by Him until our final redemption. Ephesians 1:13; I Corinthians 6:19

13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

E. At salvation, Christ's intercession for us with the Father begins. Hebrews 7:25

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.