

VICTORY OVER SIN



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How to use this curriculum



LOOK UP these verses in your Bible.



KEY VERSES to the lesson.

History has provided us with many evil rulers who cruelly oppressed their own countrymen. The cruelest ruler, sin, has never existed in flesh and blood but, rather, lives within us. Sin is a tyrant and has the potential to oppress and destroy us. The great news is that Jesus Christ has delivered us from sin's power through the finished work of Calvary. In this lesson we will learn how we can have freedom from the power of sin.

What Is Sin?

1. Sin is a violation of God's law.



"All unrighteousness is sin. . . ." (I John 5:17)



I John 3:4



Numbers 15:29-30

We sin when we knowingly or ignorantly violate God's law.

2. Sin is missing the mark of divine perfection.



"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)

3. Sin is described as rebellion.



"Ye have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you." (Deuteronomy 9:24)



Jeremiah 5:23

Memory Verses

(Choose at least two Scripture verses to memorize from the following list.)

Proverbs 5:22

John 10:10

Romans 6:11

II Corinthians 10:5

4. What should I do when I sin?

a. I should _____ and confess my sin.
Verse _____.

b. I should _____ my sins.
Verse _____.

5. How can we have power over our sin?

a. By _____ that God made it possible.
Verse _____.

b. By obtaining _____ to free us from sin's
_____.
Verse _____.

c. By using the _____ of God as a powerful
_____.
Verse _____.

6. List three ways we can discipline ourselves so sin does not gain an advantage in our lives.

a. Control our _____.
Verse _____.

b. Avoid _____ that lead to sin.
Verse _____.

c. Overcome _____ with _____.
Verse _____.

Isaiah 14:12-15 describes Satan's sin of pride and rebellion against God.

4. Sin is anything that is not faith.



"... for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."
(Romans 14:23)



Proverbs 3:5

Sin is not trusting God. It is willful independence.

Where Does Sin Come From?

1. Sin comes from our heart.



"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."
(Mark 7:21-23)

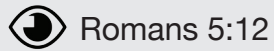
It is natural for man to be sinful.



Luke 6:43-45

Our heart is the root of our sinful nature.
Our behavior is the fruit of our sinful nature.

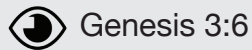
2. Sin is inherited from Adam.



When Adam chose to sin, his sinless nature became a sinful nature. We have inherited Adam's sinful nature.

What Is the Nature of Sin?

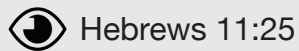
1. Sin is deceitful.



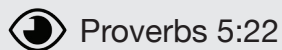
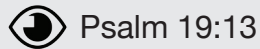
Sin deceives us by appearing desirable.

"... lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." (Hebrews 3:13)

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)



2. Sin is powerful.



When we believe Satan's lies, we are overcome by the power of sin.

Lesson Four Quiz

1. What is sin?

a. Sin is a _____ of God's law.
Verse _____.

b. Sin is anything that is not _____.
Verse _____.

2. Where does sin come from?

a. Sin comes from our _____.
Verse _____.

b. Sin is _____ from Adam.
Verse _____.

3. What is the nature of sin?

a. Sin is d_____.
Verse _____.


b. Sin is p_____.
Verse _____.

c. Sin is d_____.
Verse _____.

Our ignorance of truth is Satan's greatest advantage.
Satan's lies are no match for the powerful truth of Scripture.

People continue to engage in sin because they overestimate their power to control it and underestimate the damage it will cause. God hates sin because He fully knows how much it will limit our potential and damage our lives in so many ways.

3. Sin is destructive.

 Isaiah 1:28

 John 10:10


The destructiveness of sin complicates our life and the lives of those around us.

What Should I Do When I Sin?

1. I should acknowledge and confess my sin.


 *"I acknowledged my sin unto thee" (Psalm 32:5)*


 Psalm 51:3

 I John 1:9

Acknowledging my sin is agreeing with God that I am wrong. Being honest with God about my sin requires humility and brings cleansing.

2. I should forsake my sins.


 *"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."*
(Proverbs 28:13)

 Isaiah 55:7


To forsake is to change our attitude and our actions toward our sins.

How Can I Have Victory Over Sin's Power?

1. By first recognizing that God has made it possible.


 *"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin . . ."* (Romans 6:11)

(To reckon is to consider and to conclude.)

 Romans 6:6-14

When we believe by faith that God has delivered us from the power of sin, it will affect our actions and decisions.


2. By obtaining His grace to free us from sin's power.

 *". . . But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: "* (Romans 5:20)

God's grace is an act of divine influence upon our human hearts. It is a superior power over sin. Grace gives us the power to make positive changes in our lives. In any situation, to receive His grace we must humble ourselves.

 1 Peter 5:5


3. By establishing disciplines in our lives that will not allow sin to gain an advantage.

 *" . . . and exercise thyself rather unto godliness."*
(1 Timothy 4:7)


We exercise godliness when we:


- Control our minds. (II Corinthians 10:5)
- Separate ourselves from the ways of the world. (II Corinthians 6:14,17)
- Become a doer of God's Word. (James 1:22)
- Avoid temptations that lead to sin. (Romans 13:14)
- Overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:21)

4. By using the Word of God as a powerful weapon to overcome sin.

 *"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* (Hebrews 4:12)

God's Word penetrates to the inner man and prevents us from lying to ourselves as to what is going on in our life.

 Matthew 4:3-11

 Psalm 119:9,11