

What is Sin?

Answers to look for.

1. It's a separation from God. It takes us from his presence.
2. We actively seek after our own desires and the desires of this world rather than God.
3. Sin violates God's laws/standard/truth. It robs God of glory. God must be offended by it.
4. It shows that there is no care or thought of God in committing evil.
5. Sin will have an ultimate fall. God's patience will not last forever.
6. Sin is compared to filthiness, abomination (this word in the OT also means filthiness/something despised) – the Isaiah verse talks of "unclean things" but it can be translated as menstruous cloth.
7. Sin rejects the goodness of God. It seeks for our own definition of what is good and does not thank God for the infinite goodness we have in him or for what he has done for us. It is blind to the providence and benevolence of our Creator.
8. Sin shows that we honor that which is vile. Honor is defined by God so if we honor sin it is to our own disgrace. It is ugly – a reproach. God will not honor a sin.
9. Sin brings infinite loss. Loss of life, loss of our soul – lost forever in torment
10. Sin is heavy, it causes sorrow/depression, even sickness. God pushes the heaviness of sin upon us (Amos). It's a heaviness in ourselves and a heaviness from God.
11. The debt of sin is unpayable, and we can never flee from it or hide from God. We cannot work it off.
12. Sin is a work of deception. It deceives us and in sin we work as those who deceive. The revelation passage may be a difficult one – it shows the beauty of a crown and familiarity of human faces and attributes, but it has a tail that stings and destroys and is under the command of Satan.
13. Sin is a spiritual sickness that causes us to want what is opposite to God's righteous order and standard. We call evil good and do evil for the approval of others who also walk in sin.
14. Sin enslaves us.
15. Sin can spread like a malignant cancer. It can hurt those who don't know Christ in strengthening their rejection of Christ and it can spread to others in the church to accept that which God must condemn. It can bring great harm to all around.
16. There is no small sin. What starts from our own heart in sinful thought leads to death. We are never told in the bible not to care about sin – we are told to mourn it. It is sorrowful, brings sorrow and sadness and should be mourned.
17. It rejects any reverence before God. It thinks according to what is evil. It does not consider the ultimate day of standing before the Lord.
18. We spiral in our desires as we want something more than God and causes ongoing anxiety and eventually total destruction. We bring others down with us. Sin really is a growing gangrene. There is cruelty to ourselves in every sin.
19. It is a total sickness, but even more than that, it is spiritual death.
20. Eternal punishment is inevitable for the unrepentant sinner.