

# Pleasant Valley Weekly

But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. (Psalm 47 : 6–7)

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## What is Sin?

We continue our series on “What is...?” by considering what should have been the first lesson, “What is Sin?” Do you know?

Consider this, how would you describe a Pig to someone? Could you describe it in such a way that they would know one when they see one?

Would you say that it is short with a snout nose? Would you tell them that its skin is hairy like your arm? Would you remember to tell them all of the differing colors and breeds they come in?

Past looks, would you tell them that a Pig is a animal, a mammal? Would you tell them that in routs in the dirt? Could you tell them about how it eats? Would you tell them that we can eat it?

How about Sin? Could you tell someone about that? How would you describe what it is, and what the dangers are? Unlike a Pig, most people cannot agree on what Sin is, nor the dangers of it. This is unfortunate because most Christians do not take into account just what Sin does to us. Many Christians look past what God says and rely on their own judgment when it comes to which Sin is worthy to be upset about.

Is Sin dangerous? - Yes. Is Sin deadly? - Yes. Is Sin wrong? - Yes. Yet not every Christian can be so definitive in their answers to these questions, especially the last one. What about the little (white) lie? Is that dangerous, deadly, and wrong? - Yes. This is not open for opinions. Sin is Sin is Sin and it IS Dangerous, Deadly, and Wrong!

## What is Sin?

### \* Sin

Any act regarded as such a transgression, any reprehensible or regrettable action

A vitiated state of human nature in which the self is estranged from God

### \* Words used in the Bible

‘chat ta ah’ - an offence -? ‘cha ta’ - properly to miss  
‘hamartia’ - sin; that which is done wrong ->  
‘hamartano’ - properly to miss the mark

### \* What does it mean to miss the mark?

To be less than proficient in life. To miss the mark entirely.

### \* How else did God define Sin?

I John 3 : 4

To act without law

Romans 14 : 22–23

To act without conviction or trust

James 4 : 17

To know better and not do

So why is Sin so prevalent?

### \* What does God desire?

Sinlessness -> Yet all have sinned -> So God sent His Son