

Defined – Sin

Ephesians 2:1-9 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is the gift of God*; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

To fully understand our identity, we must overcome life's greatest obstacle: sin.

Genesis 3:6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

1. Sin _____ God's image in me.

Ephesians 2:1 "And you were dead in your trespasses and sins."

- Trespass means to _____ or fall to the side.
- Genesis 2:16-17 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."
- "Sin" means _____ the mark.
- Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
- Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- We can consider two types of repentance.
- One is the repentance that results in _____.
 - o This initial repentance leads to our justification.
- The second is the repentance of the believer.
 - o It leads to our sanctification.
- Acts 3:19 Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

2. I was _____ in my sin.

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James 2:17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, *being* by itself.
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Romans 6:1-2 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? 2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?
- Romans 6:17-18 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.
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Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. My _____ **doesn't have to define my** _____.

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- **The _____ of the life of sin**
 - Walked according to the course of this world – Direction
 - Walked according to our spiritual enemy – Deceived
 - Walked according to the spirit working in the sons of disobedience – Destruction
- **The _____ of the life of sin**
 - We lived in the lust of the flesh
 - We lived indulging in the desires of the flesh and mind
 - We lived as children of wrath.
- **The _____ of the life in Christ**
1 Corinthians 15:57 "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.