Text: Why does *sin* exist?
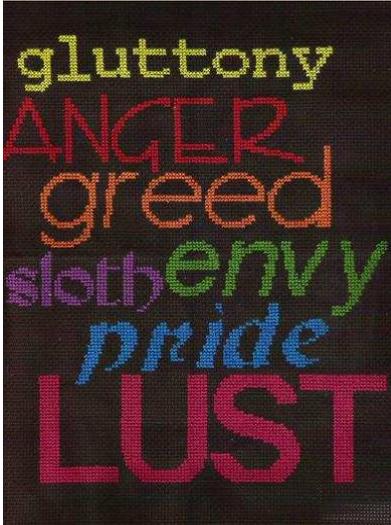## To serve as our opposition

Questions about Sin

Sin is certainly something that we, as human beings, all have in common. According to God's Word, all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3: 23).

As Christians, if we are truly trying to live for God, we should be at war against sin. In fact, the Bible tells us that it is sin that has the potential to stand between us and eternal life with God in Heaven.

Because sin plays such an adversarial role in our lives as children of God, it is necessary that we spend some time learning what the Word has to say about it…

Bible Question: What is sin? Where did it come from? Why does it exist?

- Sin is lawlessness. It is rebellion against God and His Word. Sin comes from the Enemy, which is the devil.
  - I John 3:4, I John 3:8
- Sin exists as the Enemy's major weapon against us. His desire is to separate us from God, ruin our lives, and send us to hell. Sin has the ability to accomplish the devil's goals.
  - Isaiah 59: 2
  - Romans 6: 23

Bible Question: Why is it so difficult to stop sinning?

- Unfortunately, sin is part of our nature. When we are born into this world, sin is with us.
  - Psalm 51: 5
  - Galatians 5: 19-21
  - Romans 8: 5-8

Bible Question: Since we are all sinners, what then separates the Godly from the ungodly?

- Those who are Godly have sinned, and yes—the Godly do still struggle with sin in their lives. The keyword here is "struggle". The Godly are not comfortable continuing in sin, rather they are in a war. They want to do what is right—and often times they succeed. Unfortunately, some of time, they fail and sin…but they do not linger in unrighteousness. They genuinely as for forgiveness and continue to fight.
- The ungodly, on the other hand, continue in their sin as if they do not know God. Sin has become comfortable. They are no longer fighting against sin. Sin has taken over their lives.
  - I John 1: 5-10
  - I John 3: 4-10
  - Hebrews 10: 26-27

Though we are all sinners, and God gives us grace to cover our sins, we must be careful not to misuse the grace and continue in sin.

Romans 6: 15

Bible Question: How can we better manage the sin in our lives?

- Watch the company you keep. Being around the wrong people can cause you to sin.
  - I Corinthians 15: 33-34
- Avoid situations and places that might cause you to be vulnerable to sin.
  - Proverbs 5: 3-8
- Remove that which causes you to sin.
  - Matthew 5: 27-30
- When you sin, do not linger in it. Ask for forgiveness and repent (turn away) from unrighteousness.
  - I John 1:9