



When is it sin?

Defined: an immoral act considered to be a transgression against divine law

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A sin is something you



We have the terminology that you "Commit" a sin



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This definition of "sin" has led to "sin" being a physical act



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"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

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Then along comes Jesus and totally upsets the apple cart

The Tweet? - Matthew 5:28 (99 Characters)

"That anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."



The Backstory

"You have heard that it was said,

'You shall not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body

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Matthew 5:27-30



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Then dives into this section that frankly just seems off!



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Now Jesus is upping the ante so to speak with:

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Why it is Here?

Gouge out an eye if you struggle with lust



Why it is Here?

Cut off a hand if I have a problem with stealing



Why it is Here?

Does he intend for me to cut out my tongue if I gossip



Understand the Audience





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Simply... you are not good enough



How do We Apply? I am here to tell you that keeping the law in deed is not enough, you have to keep it in thought as well



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"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

Romans 3:23





So what about the chopping off body parts stuff?



How do We Apply? The only way you can fix the sin issue is to get to the heart of the issue which is the heart of the issue



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- Knowing the right person does not give me the right to live like their is no law

How do We Apply? Just the opposite, it holds me to a higher standard of living like the one I claim to place my faith in

How do We Apply? Jesus wants us to stop trying to fix our problem and start allowing ourselves to live in a relationship with him!



