

## Basic Theology

### What Is Sin?

#### 1) Sin defined

Sin is missing the mark ...

Judges 20:16 – “Every one could sling a stone at a hair and not miss (Heb. “sin”).

What is the target?

God’s law gives us the standard.

Where sin entered in:

What was the law in the garden? Gen 2:16 God commanded the man not to eat from the tree

How did man do with that target? Gen 3:6-7 she took of its fruit and ate...and he ate

Romans 5:12 “Sin came into the world through one man.”

Sin is missing the mark of God’s law.

#### 2) Sin and the law

1 John 3:4 “Sin is lawlessness.”

Romans 5:13 “Sin is not counted where there is no law.”

#### 3) The spread of sin and death

All men sin and all men die.

Romans 5:12 “...Death spread to all men because all sinned.”

1 Corinthians 15:21 “...by a man came death...”

1 Corinthians 15:22 “...in Adam all die...”

Psalm 51:5 “In sin did my mother conceive me.”

#### 4) The effects of sin

Where do we first see the effects of sin spreading?

Death is separation.

It can be physical:

Genesis 35:18 “And as her soul was departing (for she was dying).

James 2:26 “...the body apart from the spirit is dead.”

It can be spiritual:

Isaiah 59:2 “Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God.”

Ephesians 2:1,12 “And you were dead in your trespasses and sins...

remember that you were at that time separated from Christ.”