

LESSON 02

Sin: Origin, Reality, & Consequences

1: Sin and Salvation

Executive Summary

Sin was not part of God's original creation — it entered humanity through Adam's disobedience and now affects every person who has ever lived. Scripture measures us not against each other but against God's perfect holiness, and the consequences of sin are real: separation from God, physical death, and eternal separation apart from His rescue.

Key Terms

Sin	Any failure to love, trust, worship, and obey God as He deserves; sin separates people from God and requires divine rescue.
Holiness	A life increasingly set apart for God, shaped by gratitude, obedience, and the Spirit's transforming work.
Death	The consequence of sin, including physical death and spiritual separation from God.
Separation	The relational alienation from God caused by sin and healed only through reconciliation in Christ.

Key Verses

English Standard Version (ESV)

Romans 5:12

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

Romans 3:23

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Isaiah 59:2

2 but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

Application Questions

1. According to these verses, how has sin affected every person and our relationship with God?

2. Why should you measure your life by God's holiness instead of comparing yourself with other people?

3. What sin do you need to admit honestly to God instead of excusing or hiding it?

4. How does understanding the seriousness of sin help you appreciate God's offer of salvation?
