

## III. Types Of Sin Mentioned In The Bible

### A. Transgression

The breaking of God's laws. A crime against His holiness.

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." (1 John 3:4).

### B. Iniquity

Injustices; illegal activities; violations.

"And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Matthew 7:23).

### C. Trespass

A side-slip; lapse; deviation; unintentional error; fault.

"And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." (Mark 11:25-26). See also 2 Corinthians 5:19.

### D. Debts

Something owed, to fail in something owed or in duty; to fail in an obligation.

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." (Matthew 6:12).

### E. Sins Of Omission

Things that we should do or are required to do, that we don't do. For example: failing to pray, failing to evangelize, failing to give, failing to love, failing to go to church, etc.

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17).

### F. Sins Of Commission

Committing an action we should not commit, or behaving a way we should not behave. For example: adultery, gossip, stealing, hating, gambling, fornicating, despising, rebelling, etc.

"But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convicted of the law as transgressors." (James 2:9). Also see 1 John 3:9.

### G. Sins Of Ignorance

To stray from something we did not know was wrong; to be unaware; to act unwittingly; an inadvertent transgression. Ignorance is no excuse in God's eyes.

"Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them:" (Leviticus 4:2). Also read verses 13 & 27.

## H. Sins Of Presumption

To sin in arrogance or pride; to think there will be no consequences.

“Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.” (Psalm 19:13).

“The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.” (Isaiah 3:9).

## I. Sins Of Youth

Particular temptations youth often yield to, scarring their lives.

“Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness’ sake, O LORD.” (Psalm 25:7).

## J. Sins Of The Heart

“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.” (Matthew 7:23).

## K. Unpardonable Sin

This is committed by unbelievers who do not receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour. That can never be forgiven.

“I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.” (John 8:24). Also read John 16:9; John 14:6; and Acts 4:12.

## L. Blasphemy Of The Holy Ghost

This is committed by unbelievers who blaspheme the Holy Spirit by attributing Christ’s work through the Holy Spirit to the Devil (s).

“Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.” (Matthew 12:31-32).

## M. Sin Unto Death

This is a sin committed by a believer that is so grievous to God that it causes the premature death of the believer. Examples: Acts 5:1-10 and Judges 16:30.

“If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.” (1 John 5:16). Also read 1 Corinthians 11:30 and Ecclesiastes 7:17.

## **N. Sin Not Unto Death**

These sins lead to death, but not immediate physical judgment.

“If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.” (1 John 5:16-17).

## **O. Evil**

Sometimes the word “evil” refers to something bad. God brings evil (bad) on some people as a judgment. Other times the word “evil” means depraved. Thus it is sinful.

“Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.” (Psalm 51:4). Read the examples in Genesis 50:17 and 2 Kings 21:16.

## **P. Foolish Thoughts**

Silly or perverted thoughts.

“The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men.” (Proverbs 24:9).

## **Q. The Cessation Of Prayer**

We are taught to pray without ceasing and to continue instant in prayer. To stop is to sin. We must maintain a prayer time and a prayer life.

“Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:” (1 Samuel 12:23).

## **R. Anything Not Of Faith; Unbelief**

Doing something we doubt is right; not believing or trusting God and His Word.

“And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.” (Romans 14:23).

## **S. All Unrighteousness**

That which is not right; anything that is wrong; wrongfulness of character, life, or action.

“All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.” (1 John 5:17). Also read 1 John 1:9.

## **T. Despising Your Neighbor**

This would be a transgression of the second commandment, “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”

“He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.” (Proverbs 14:21).

## U. Vain Talk

Empty or evil talking; a multitude of words.

“In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.” (Proverbs 10:19). Also see Psalm 59:12.

## V. Wickedness

Depravity; degeneracy from original value.

“There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” (Genesis 39:9).

## W. Sins Against The Holy Spirit

We’ve already seen the blasphemy of the Holy Ghost under Point I. Other sins against the Spirit include:

### 1. Grieving the Spirit

“And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.” (Ephesians 4:30).

### 2. Quenching the Spirit

“Quench not the Spirit.” (1 Thessalonians 5:19).

### 3. Resisting the Holy Spirit

“Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.” (Acts 7:51).

### 4. Insulting the Holy Spirit

This is like blasphemy of the Spirit, when the unsaved insult the Holy Spirit and His work on earth of exalting Jesus Christ and His blood. “Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?” (Hebrews 10:29).

There will be different degrees of suffering among the lost for all of eternity. Punishment will be sorer for those who insult the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ and His blood.

### 5. Vexing the Holy Spirit

Wearing down the Holy Spirit as He tries to help people. “But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.” (Isaiah 63:10). (See also Genesis 6:3 and Acts 7:51.)

### 6. Lying to the Holy Spirit

“But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.” (Acts 5:3-4).