

False Definition of Sin

by C.D. Cole

1. **Modernism:** "Sin is good in the making." John Fiske, says that original sin is neither more nor less than the brute inheritance which every man carries with him, and the process of evolution is an advance towards true salvation.

According to this view, the human race is on the way to salvation; there is no hope for the individual; the race will be saved when the process of evolution has made it perfect. It is like the process of improving the razor-back hog by breeding. According to this view there is no individual responsibility and therefore no individual salvation. Poor hope for the individual who cries out, "What must I do to be saved?" Cold war everywhere, and shooting wars in various places, with terrible consequences to human happiness and safety, give the lie to the evolutionary process of salvation.

2. **Christian Science:** "Sin is a figment of a perverted imagination — an imaginary creation of abnormal minds." In other words sin does not actually exist; it is not a reality. Some people just imagine they sin, and this imagination is a disease of the mind. The man who is convicted of sin is unbalanced, and the man who mourns over sin and seeks forgiveness from God is terribly insane. Such nonsense is refuted by science, and Scripture, and common sense. When the prodigal came to himself, he said, "I have sinned." The insane man is the one who denies the fact of sin. "If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us" (1 John 1:10).

3. **The Popular View** regards sin as only crime against society. Sinners are young men sowing wild oats, prostitute women, murderers, and gangsters. Some seventy or more years ago the Japanese resented the preaching of Paul Kanamoro. They complained that he talked to them as if he were an official talking to convicts. They confounded sin with vice. They could not distinguish between sin and crime. Every person is a sinner, but all are not wicked or criminals. There are many virtuous women, but no sinless women. There are many law-abiding men but no sinless men. There are many beautiful babies, but no baby without a sinful nature. "Behold, I was shaped in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psalm 51:5); "The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies" (Ps 58:3); "And you has he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others" (Ephesians 2:1-3).

1 John 3:4

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin."

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"Our Prayer List"

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17

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"Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works"

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania, and the Berea Baptist Banner Mantachie, Ms.

"A Message from Pastor Johnson"

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof..." 1st Peter 5:2

The Image of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 52:14 "As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:"

As Christians and churches, we must be very careful as to our worship of Jesus Christ. The only images we have of Him are only in our minds. Catholicism has created so much idolatry of Jesus and everything else biblical that they have entirely idolized Christianity into a non-truth. Catholicism is so false and fake that you almost must believe that they are satanic at best. When we look at Jesus, we only know a limited amount about Him and almost nothing about His human appearance. To say it honestly, there are absolutely no earthly images of Jesus Christ because the scriptures do not have any real descriptions of Him. I searched the internet and found that images of Jesus dates to maybe the second or third century and Jesus was crucified about 30AD. Therefore, we must believe that there are no true images of Jesus Christ on this earth and that all that exist must be "false graven images" and as we know it is sinful to have false graven images. It is more impossible to have any images of God the Father or the Holy Spirit because they are "a Spirit" and neither has a body form. And again, to have any form of image of anything in heaven is a sin. *"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: (5) Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;"* Exodus 20:4 – 5.

Therefore, as a Pastor I must strongly suggest that if you have any images of any sort that violate this law of God that you destroy them immediately. This is any sort of image of anything in heaven, or on the earth, or beneath the earth such as hell – Satan – or any demons.

So let us look at what we do have, we know that Jesus was born as a man in the likeness of sinful flesh. The word "likeness" means He appeared like us but in a sinless form. We also know He was God as well as a man therefore He had two natures both human and deity. We also know that He had no flaws, not one single flaw inside or out because there was no sin about Him. I believe He could not have had long hair because it is a sin for a man to have long hair. *"Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?"* 1 Corinthians 11:14

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We also know that he did have a beard, *"I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting."* Isaiah 50:6 And last we know that He was about 33 years old when He was crucified. Outside of this we know very little about the bodily features of Jesus Christ.

We also know some about His arrest and crucifixion. However, it is most important that we have a vision in our minds about His suffering. While not much is known, we do have enough information to have a clear understanding that He was severely beaten before He was brutally crucified. Isaiah wrote *"his visage was so marred more than any man"* the words *"more than any man"* allows us to understand that His beating was so severe that no other human could have survived it. Isaiah also told us that *"many were astonished at thee; his visage"* The word *"astonied"* means people were so stunned they were numb as they looked at Him. Jesus was beaten so badly that He was unrecognizable, *"more than any man"*. Mark told us, *"And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him."* Mark 15:19 A reed was like a measuring reed or rod or a staff. There is more but I think we get the image of Jesus. But we need to remember that all this often, because He suffering was what the Father required of Him for our redemption. This is what it took to save us, this is what it took to pay in full for our sins. THANK YOU JESUS!

Church Information and Happenings.

1. **Please Remember Our Bible Conference** this year is scheduled for September 13 & 14 Friday night and Saturday. Please decide on whom you want to invite this year because we need to send invitations around June 01.

