PRAY Equipped **OBJECTION:** God made me like this, Sin / it's His fault!

IMPORTANT TO GOD TENSION FOCUS: To understand common objections to Christianity and be able to discuss it.

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Genesis 2 & 3 Where Sin came from and who is responsible for it.

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Man and Woman gave into temptation, from the Devil, which became sin and only God who is sin free (Hebrews 4:15) can set us free from sin by salvation and protected through sanctification (John 3:16-21, Ephesians 2:8-8, Romans 10:9-10).

Genesis 3:11-21 Shifting the Blame of Sin to God Has Existed Since the Beginning. 4,000 BC

A TRUTH God does not deserve to be blamed for our sin and freedom can not be found in Jesus if we do not take responsibility for it.

CLARITY Sin is when we go against in word, thought and deed the commands of God the Father, Jesus the Christ and the Holy Spirit's guidance found in the Bible.

REAL LIFE It takes more than human will, logic or action to overcome sin, it takes being a Christian through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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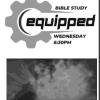
Bring God Glory and Make Disciples This is the foundational fuel for our daily word, thoughts and deeds with our heart, mind, soul and strength.

Gospel-Centered Life Heart: Greatest Commandment(s) Mind: God is still on the throne. Soul: Never get over being saved. Strength: Great Commission

Share the Biblical truth in brotherly love. Love like Christ, Live like Jesus

See more clearly, love more dearly, follow more nearly, day by day

We live in the flow of God's Sovereignty and move forward at the pace of faith.



BECOME & RESPOND

Types of Sin

Original = The sin all humanity has at birth. *Psalm 51:5, Romans 5:14, 1 Corinthians 15:22, 45* Iniquity = The sin committed by the heart, mind or soul. *Exodus 34:7,9, Job 10:14, Psalm 32:5, Hosea 12:8* Transgressions = The sin committed by our deeds. *Genesis 50:17, Exodus 34:7, 1 Timothy 2:13-14*

2 Peter 2:1-22 The Problem and Application of How to Handle Who is to Blame for Sin.

1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.

3 And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;
5 if he did not spare the ancient world, but

preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6 if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; 7 and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked

8 (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);

9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,

10 and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones,

11 whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord. 12 But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant, will also be destroyed in their destruction, 13 suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing. They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, while they feast with you. 14 They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed.

Accursed children!

15 Forsaking the right way, **they have gone astray**. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, **who loved gain from wrongdoing**,

16 but was rebuked for his own

transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

17 These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved.

18 For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error.

19 They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.

20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and

overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

21 For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.

22 What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire."

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Remember the problem is not just the sin but the belief that informs, justifies and allows the sin.

There is forgiveness of and freedom from sin for those who believe, seek and follow God's Word.

SALVATION *Ezekiel 18:27* Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life.

Why does it make people feel better to blame someone else for their mistakes? Why is it a very bad thing to blame God the Father, Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit for our sin? How can the God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Bible help people to sin less?

MISSION: We exist to bring God glory and make disciples.

<u>TITLE:</u> WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SIN is an important aspect to why we exist.

Based on this what can we do to become more like Jesus?

Gospel-Centered

WORSHIP Christ has conquered sin and death, salvation first then discipleship daily to keep away sin.

COMMUNITY Jesus Christ the Sinless Savior can take away our sin when we go to Him. SERVICE The Holy Spirit can guide, comfort and strengthen us as we deal with the consequences of sin.

MULTIPLICATION Help others to go and sin now more in word, thought and deed.

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BIBLE VERSES ON WHOSE FAULT IS SIN (BY THE WAY IT IS NOT GOD'S FAULT)

Genesis 2:4-25 God Made Man and Woman Without Sin

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground,

6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— 7 then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

8 And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.

11 The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there.

13 The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush.

14 And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

19 Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

23 Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Genesis 3:1-24 Man And Woman Brought Sin Into The World

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,
3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"
4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will

not surely die.

5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

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23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.

24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Proverbs 26:11

11 Like a dog that returns to his vomit is a fool who repeats his folly.

2 Timothy 2:14

14 Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.

Psalms 7:11

11 God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.

Psalms 5:4-7

4 For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.
5 The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.
6 You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
7 But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

2 Corinthians 5:21

21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (Jesus)

1 John 3:4-10

4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.
5 You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

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OTHER RESOURCES

YouTube: 700 Club - What if God Made Me This Way? - Your Questions, Honest Answers

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nm6Pgrws6T8

YouTube: Ken Ham - Ken Ham Responds to Alex O'Connor, God Created the Sin Problem In Order To Solve It?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVgrzb5DbXo

YouTube: Frank Turek - If God Didn't Create Sin, Then Who Did? Find Out Now! (Watch the first 4:17, then the video repeats)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NhjAiv4ol5w

A Biblical Worldview on Judging Right / Wrong, Good / Evil

WHY GOD IS THE BEST JUDGE Psalms 9:8 I Will Recount Your Wonderful Deeds 8 and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

James 5:10-11

10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.
11 Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

WHY WE NEED TO SHARE GOD'S BIBLICAL JUDGMENTS & TRUTH John 3:16-21

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does

not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

HOW WE FAITH AND DEED BASED ON GOD'S JUDGMENTS Acts 4:17-22

17 But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name."

18 So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge,

20 for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

21 And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened.
22 For the man on whom this sign

of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

Remember we are not making up the judgments but...

Matthew 7:1-6 Judge not lest you be judged, pearls before pigs Luke 6:37-42 Judging Others, blind leading blind

Sharing God's truth so that none would perish but that all might be saved.

Matthew 10:32-33 32 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven

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