



**Defending the Faith:
Answering Questions People Should Be Asking
Week 4: Am I Really A Sinner?**

The Denial of Sin

Do you believe that people are basically *good* or *bad*?

Two ways of dealing with this question:

1. Philosophical approach
2. Biblical approach (Rom 3:23; Ecc 7:20; Prov 20:9; 1Jn 1:8)

The Definition of Sin

“Sin is any failure to conform to the moral law of God in act, attitude, or nature.” (Wayne Grudem)

1. We commit sinful acts.

- Sin is disobeying God’s laws. (1Jn 3:4; 5:17)
- God’s Law is encapsulated in the 10 Commandments (Exod. 20:1-17)

2. We have sinful attitudes. (Mt. 5:21-22; Jas. 1:14-15)

3. We are sinners by nature. (Mt. 5:19)

The Consequences of Sin

- 1. Guilt & Shame**
- 2. Addiction**
- 3. Destruction**
- 4. Separation from God**
- 5. Judgment**

The Solution for Sin

The Good News: there is forgiveness, freedom, and eternal life in Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:1-9).