

1 John 1:8-10

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

Genesis 4:7b

And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it. 1 Peter 5:8

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Romans 3:23

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

James 2:10

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

A. What the Bible says about Sin

- 1. How Sin Happens
 - a. Wrong Focus
 - b. Twisted Truth
 - c. Doubt God
 - d. Question God's Goodness

1 John 2:16

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

- 2. How (Not) to Deal with Sin
 - a. Shame
 - b. Hide & Seek
 - c. Blame Game

James 1:14-15

But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin has accomplished, it brings forth death.

B. Contemporary Belief Traps

1. Belief Trap: We are saints, not sinners

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold new things have come.

1 John 3:6

No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.

1 Timothy 1:15

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.

2. Belief Trap: If we sin, we need to be saved again

James 3:2a

For we all stumble in many ways...

3. Belief Trap: Sin doesn't matter since we are forgiven

Romans 6:15-16

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be! Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, with of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

- 4. Belief Trap: Sin only affects me
- 5. Belief Trap: God wants me to be happy

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

6. Belief Trap: Don't need to confess sin

C. Personal Takeaway

Psalm 32:3-5

When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"; and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 32:1-2

How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit!

