

What is Sin?

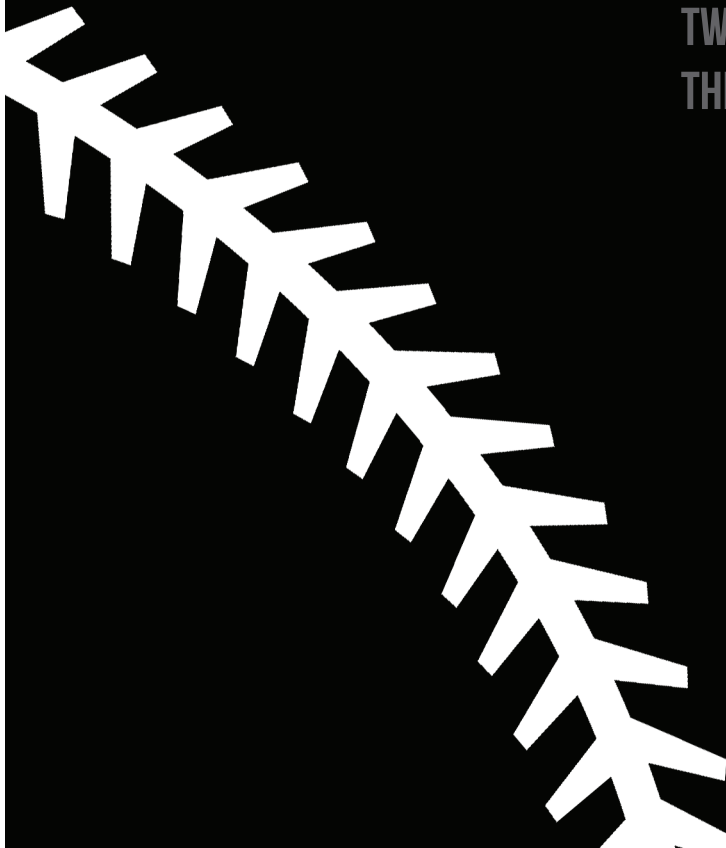
SESSION ONE: THE SIN PROBLEM

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Sin has plagued the world.**
- 2. We are inherently sinful people, in need of a cure from the disease of sin.**

TWO: THE ROOT OF SIN

THREE: SIN'S CONSEQUENCE



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Baseball lends itself to be a game of failure. We've all heard it before at one time or another: "If you only succeed thirty percent of the time, you're one of the best in the game." In 2019, Baltimore Orioles first baseman Chris Davis, truly took the concept "baseball is a game of failure" to the next level. Davis put himself in the MLB record book for the most consecutive hitless at-bats in Major League history. Over the course of 62 plate appearances spanning two separate seasons, Davis failed to record a hit.

Clearly, based on his results, there was a fundamental mistake with his swing during this time. We can only begin to imagine all of the different thoughts running through his head of how to make the wrong in his swing right.

What is the best piece of hitting advice you have ever received?

It is hard to ignore the conclusion that there is something fundamentally wrong in the world. Yet, there exists a seemingly endless list of answers to fix this fundamental problem in the world. "Try this drink", "try this drug", "work harder", "choose yourself", or "do what makes you happy". However, as some of us reading

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can testify, these solutions are only illusions trying to address the much larger underlying issue within all of us.

This fundamental problem we speak of has a name, and that name is sin[define]. Before we go any further, let's reflect on what we already know about this word or the effects it causes.

Define "sin" in your own words:

Many of us see our sin as a failure to do something or a failure to stop doing another. It resembles Chris Davis's baseball swing: an undesirable result that is coming from a mistake in need of correcting. Many of us are constantly in the batting cage of life trying to fix our own swing so that we would feel more successful, more happy and less empty inside.

However, where this illustration falls apart, is that sin cannot be rid of by a lifestyle "swing tweak". There isn't an ounce of coaching that can get us out of our spiritual "hitless streak." Our sinfulness is who we are, not just an attribute to our actions. All of us are plagued with the disease of sin that is without human cure and is contagious to every aspect of our life.

“All sins are attempts to fill voids,” wrote Simone Weil. “Because we cannot stand the God-shaped hole inside of us, we try stuffing it full of all sorts of things, but only God may fill it.” (Taylor, 2000, p.57)

“Sinning is any feeling or thought or speech or action that comes from a heart that does not treasure God over all other things.” (Piper, 2015, para. 47).

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Question	Text	Answer
How Does the Bible Define Sin?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James 4:17 • Romans 14:23b • 1 John 3:4 	
Where Did Sin Begin?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 2:15-17 • Genesis 3:1-24 • Romans 5:12 	
Who Sins?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 3:23 • John 8:34 • Ecclesiastes 7:20 	
What Does it Look Like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Galatians 5:19-21 • James 1:14 • 2 Timothy 3:2-5 	
Where Does it Come From?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark 7:20-23 • 1 John 3:8 	