

The Roman Road To Salvation

Selected Bible verses from the book of Romans
(King James version)

3:10 As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;" (This means that there is no one who does right all of the time, or who is totally pure in heart and life.)

3:11 There is none that understandeth; There is none that seeketh after God. (No one, left to himself, will seek to find God, for he doesn't understand the condition he is in.)

3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. (No matter how good we live, there is still sin in our lives. And, because of sin, we all fall short of what God wants us to be.)

6:23a For the wages of sin is death. ("Wages" is payment or a paycheck. because we are sinners, if we die in our sins, the paycheck we will receive will be "death," eternal separation from God.)

5:8 But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Do you want to know how much God loves you? Look at the cross. Christ was punished by death for your sins.)

6:23b ...but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. (Do you want forgiveness of your sins? Do you want to be saved? You can have it as a free gift from God. How? Read on.)

10:9a That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus ("Confess" means to tell God what you believe about Jesus Christ. He wants to know that you believe Jesus is Lord and Savior, and that you believe His death on the cross was in payment for your sins. Next...)

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What is SIN?

That is a good question these days. What is sin?

Surveying Americans, only 81% polled said that **adultery** is sin; 74% say **racism** is sin; 65% said the **use of hard drugs** such as cocaine or LSD was a sin; 63% said (**stealing by act of omission**) that not saying anything if a cashier gives you too much change is sin; Only 56% said that **abortion** was sin; 52% said homosexual activity or sex was sin; **possibly not reporting all taxable income** 52% said that was a sin; only 50% said **watching pornography** was a sin; 47% said **gossip** and **swearing** is a sin; only 45% said **premarital sex** was a sin; 44% said having **homosexual thoughts** was a sin; 43% said **sexual thoughts about someone you are not married to** was a sin; **harming the environment** and **smoking marijuana** and **getting drunk** was a sin; 30% said that **gambling** was a sin; 18% said **not attending church or religious services regularly** was a sin; 14% said that **drinking any alcohol** was a sin.

Source: *Ellison Research, August 2007, based on 1,007 adults through a representative online panel ad adjusted to be demographically representative of the USA Margin of error: ±3.1 percentage points.*

10:9b ...and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, (God wants to know that you believe that Jesus is alive today. Then...)

10:9c ...thou shalt be saved. (That's God's promise: If you acknowledge your belief in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection - that He did this for you - God will give you eternal life. How do you acknowledge this? Read one more verse.)

10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be saved."

What does the Bible have to say about sin? Let's take a look.....

The first thing we can look at would be the 10 commandments. Simply put they are:

Exodus 20 3Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4Thou 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.

7Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 12Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

13Thou shalt not kill..

14Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15Thou shalt not steal.

16Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his

ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

The Greatest Commandment!!!

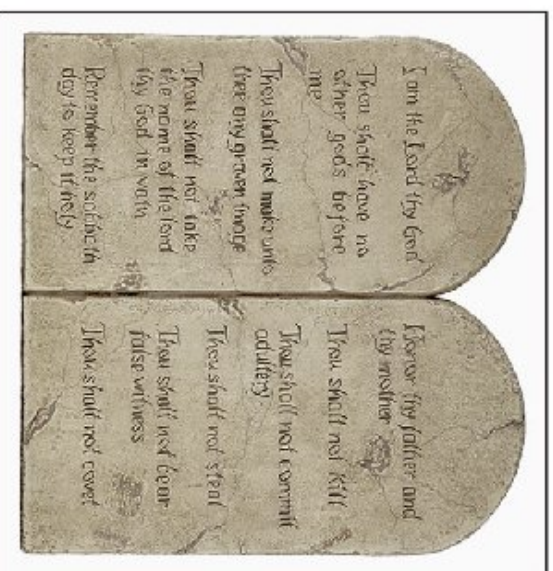
Matt. 22:36Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38This is the first and great commandment.

39And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.



So, what is the definition of sin?

The worlds definition: What goes against the accepted moral code of the day.

The Lord's definition: James2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

1John3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Luke16:17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

Acts13:39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Romans2:12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; 13 (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

Romans3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.