

Sins and Iniquities

Foundational Scripture:

Heb 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

A. Transgressions and Sins.

1. Breaking one of God's laws.

A transgression is the breaking of one of God's laws. Sin is the disobedience involved in doing the transgression; so from a spiritual perspective, they are almost identical.

Job 13:23 How many [are] mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin.

Lev 16:21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins (i.e., know the what & how of the sins).

2. Disobeying a personal directive.

Num 20:8 Moses could not enter the Promised Land because he disobeyed God by hitting the rock instead of speaking to it. As a result of that, he died.

Gen 5:5 Adam died as a result of that one sin of transgressing God's law.

3. Living without the Law of God.

Rom 5:13 For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law (i.e., from Adam to Moses, there was no law).

Rom 4:8 Blessed [is] the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Gen 5:24 Enoch sinned because all have sinned. There was no law so the sin was not imputed. God was able to take him and he did not have to die.

Under the Age of Grace, you cannot sin, for there is no law to transgress.

Rom 4:15 for where no law is, [there is] no transgression.

1 Th 4:17 Those who are alive and remain will be raptured.

B. Iniquities.

1. Definition.

An iniquity is an injustice or wicked work caused by a twisted way of thinking (i.e., thinking in a manner which contradicts the ways of the Lord). An Iniquity is not a sin because there is no transgression of the Law nor is there any direct disobedience of any directive from God.

2. The Iniquity may be unknown.

A person may not even know that the iniquity contradicts God's Word but, even so, the thoughts/actions would be counter to one's conscience or to the good within one's heart.

Eze 36:31 Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that [were] not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

Psa 19:12 Who can understand [his] errors? cleanse thou me from secret [faults]. Psa 90:8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret [sins] in the light of thy countenance.

3. The results of Iniquities.

The penalty of iniquities can include emotional, physical, financial or social challenges in one's life, which can result in death.

Rom 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression.

C. Sins and Iniquities.

1. Wages of Sins and Iniquities.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Act 3:26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Lev 16:15 The sin offering was killed to cover the sins of the people.

Lev 16:22 The scapegoat bore their iniquities and was sent away alive.

2. How God dealt with them under the Old Covenant.

Rom 4:7 [Saying], Blessed [are] they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Their iniquities were forgiven because they were transferred to the live scapegoat, who bore them away from the camp

Their sins were covered over by the atonement of the sprinkled blood of the goat of the sin offering.

3. How God deals with us under the New Covenant.

Heb 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more

Isa 53:5 But he [was] wounded for our transgressions, [he was] bruised for our iniquities:

He was wounded for our transgressions that He might die as our sin offering so we would not have to die.

He was bruised for our iniquities that we could be healed from the penalties of our iniquities and not die from them

1Pe 2:24 Who his own self bare our **sins** in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, (should not have to die but) should live unto righteousness: (as your scapegoat, He bore your iniquities so) by whose stripes ye were healed.

Psa 103:3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Mic 7:19 he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

Rom 6:19 even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.