




DEGREES OF SIN

**Forgiveness
or
Lawlessness**




1 John 1:8-10 “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us 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.”



Psa 32:5 “I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.”

Pro 28:13 “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”



1 John 3:4-6 “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.”



1John 3:4 “doeth sin” (KJV).


Diaglott, RV: “practices sin.”

TCNT: “lives sinfully.”

1John 3:4 “sin is transgression”
(KJV). *NIV, RSV, ASV:*

“lawlessness” *Greek: anomia*

“no law, or lawless”



1 John 3:1-3 “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God...we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”

Heb 10:26-30 “For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three



witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? ”






“We have heard it openly suggested—that as David was forgiven of his sin, and it is evident God makes much allowance for human weakness, surely we in these days shall be excused for doing such and such things.



These fleshly reasoners fail to perceive that by the very fact of their indulging such reflections *they move the transgression of fleshly weakness into the category of deliberate despising of God's law.*”

C&C pg. 95.



1 John 5:16-17 “If any man see his brother *sin a sin which is not unto death*, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. *There is a sin unto death*: I do not say that he shall pray for it. All unrighteousness is sin: and *there is a sin not unto death.*”



“When a sin has been committed, and the transgressor, with a repentant humility, pleads for pardon, it is doubtless comforting to know that other servants of God have sinned and have been forgiven; but all our efforts must be to shape our lives in accordance with the commands



and examples held up for our guidance, and to avoid the stumbling stones over which others have fallen...Let him set his face like a flint to do the will of God...*and after all his effort he will stand in very much need of forgiveness.*” C&C pg. 95



“When ye shall have done ALL those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants”—

Luke 17:10



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* While degrees of guilt have much to do with responsibility, the Bible does reveal that there are various degrees of general sin.



Lev. 5:1-6

*Atonement for Sins of
Ignorance/Rashness/Hastiness*

Num. 15:30-31; Lev.20:10; 24:16

*No Atonement for Sins of
Blasphemy/Murder/Adultery*



UNCLEAN (*touching dead, leprosy...etc.*)

CUT OFF (*moral corruption, disobeying statutes...etc.*)

STONING (*idolatry, adultery, breaking Sabbath...etc.*)