Sin: Definitions, Types, and Diagrams
Sin

• Sin is an intentional turning away from God.
• Sin is making a CHOICE opposed to God’s intention for creation.
• The consequences of sin are very much in this world; they do not merely influence life after death.
• *** Sin affects our relationships with SELF, GOD, and OTHERS
Individual versus Social

• **Personal Sin:** is the result of an individual knowingly and willingly doing something that hurts his/her relationship with God, self, neighbour, or nature.
  • **Mortal Sin:** A grave offense against the law of God. It requires full knowledge and complete consent. It is an intentional turning away from God.
  • **Venial Sin:** A less serious offense against the law of God. The evil done here is not seriously wrong or the sinner sincerely believes it is slightly wrong.

• **Social Sin:** a collective sin; we sin as a society by collectively breaking the covenant with God. As a group or society we participate in a process or system that harms human relationships. Everyone in the group, to some degree, shares the responsibility for the damage caused. (Except, perhaps, those who actively criticize the sinful act)
  • **Systemic Sin:** is that wrongdoing and/or evil that over time has crept into, or more usually been built into the structures of society.
  • **Institutional Sin:** a harmful or evil act on behalf of a corporation, or other institution, towards a population or creation.
Social and Personal Categorized
Who does it harm? ins against God, neighbour or self

• God: anything that hurts our relationship with God

• Neighbour: anything that hurts our relationship with another person

• Self: anything that hurts our relationship with ourself
Who Does it Harm? Diagram
How is it done? thoughts, word, deed, or omission

• Thought: sinful thoughts (lust)

• Word: Harmful words (hate speech)

• Deed: Harmful action (polluting)

• Omission: Harm caused by lack of action (ignoring poverty)
How Categories
List of Sins

• Abortion
• Lying
• Stealing
• Illegally Downloading music
• Adultery
• Pre-marital Sex
• Response to Poverty Murder
• Bullying
• Cheating
• Drug Abuse
• Birth Control
• Pollution
• Greed
• Racism
• Gossip
• Sweat Shops
• Human Trafficking