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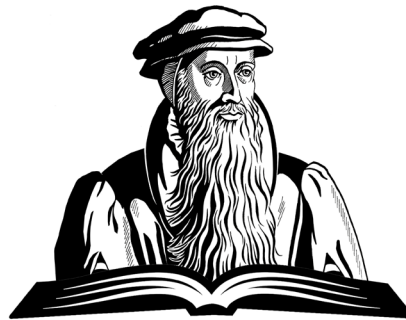
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for Lecture #11

What Sin Is

Catechism Question 14



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YOUTH STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #11

What Sin Is

Memorization

Question 14: *What is sin?*

Answer: *Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression against, the law of God..*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction: a subject ignored in the world today.
2. Sin has an objective standard.
3. Sin includes failing to do what God commands.
4. Sin includes doing what God forbids.
5. Applications.

Basic Questions About Question 14

1. What does the word “want” mean in this lecture?

2. What does the word “conformity” mean in this lecture?

3. What does the word “transgression” mean in this lecture?

4. Paraphrase Question and Answer #14, or put it into your own words.

Bible Study Questions

(Look up the Scripture texts, read them, then write them out in the space provided.)

1. *Sin has an objective standard.*

1 John 3:4 _____

2. *Sin includes failing to do what God commands.*

Matthew 3:15 _____

3. *Sin includes doing what God forbids.*

James Ephesians 4:29 _____

Lecture Checkup

1. How is it that people can realize there is such a thing as right or wrong? Are there general agreements over certain things?

2. What is the real source of knowing right and wrong?

3. Is God's law only forbidding outward sin? What is its extent?

4. What is the ultimate rule of discerning whether something is right or wrong? Will that rule change over time?

5. What is the sin of omission? Please give an example. How should we think about the law of God?

6. What is the sin of commission? Give an example.

7. Where can we find true righteousness? Can you give an example of true righteousness in the Bible?

8. What is a conscience, and what does it do? How can our conscience be informed?

9. What is the right way to examine ourselves?

10. Rev. Mattull said, "We may not call sin what God has not called sin." Please explain what this means and give some examples.

Practical Application

1. Read all of Psalm 119 and meditate on it. What are the psalmist's affections towards the law of God?

2. In what ways can a Christian's life be affected by studying God's law?
