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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

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Theme: Scriptural Definition of Sin

Memory verse: *Romans chapter five verse twelve: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for That all have sinned."*

Text: Genesis 3:1-24.

Sin means missing the mark of God's standard of righteousness. A single act of sin by the first man produced grave consequences of untold hardship and Divine judgement upon the human race. Today, sin remains as deadly and destructive as ever. It still brings separation from God and keep man out from God's blessings.

The Scripture gives a seven-fold explanation of sin:

- Sin is the transgression of God's law as revealed in the Bible. It attracts Divine displeasure - 1 John 3:4.
- All unrighteousness is sin. Every principle, precept or practice that is not in accordance to God's righteousness is sinful; and it takes the blessings of God from us- 1 John 5:17.
- Vain talk is sin, "For in the multitude of words, there wanted not sin". All forms of misuse of the tongue in lying, gossip, slander, jesting, foolish talking, backbiting exaggeration, cursing, etc, are sinful - Proverbs 10:19, 17:27.
- He that despised his neighbour sinneth. Contempt for others, and disregard for leadership and authority are sinful. These bring the anger of God upon us-Proverbs 14:21, 11:12.
- Unbelief is sin, "For whatever is not of faith is sin". The unbelieving are shut out of God's promises, provisions, and paradise - Romans 14:23.
- The neglect of opportunity to do good is sin. Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him is sin - James 4:17. It makes God to reject such a man.
- The thought of foolishness is sin. Not only the external execution of sin, but also the inward desire for sin, is wrong. It attracts the danger of damnation.

May God help us to keep this study in our hearts as the Scripture has explained in Jesus Name.