

## Lesson 3 Questions

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Review/ What did we learn from the last lesson about sin?

1. **Mark 7:20-23** How did Jesus say rebellion against God causes a person to act?
2. Do you recognize any of these things in yourself? Notice that they include not only acts but also thoughts and attitudes.
3. What do these things do to a person?
4. **Psalms 5:4-6** What does God think about sin?
5. What does sin do to our relationship with God? Also see **Isaiah 59:1-2** and **Genesis 3:23**.
6. **Genesis 2:17** What does God call the condition of being separated from him? Compare **Romans 6:23**.
7. **Romans 5:8** What did God do because he loves us?
8. **1 Peter 3:18** What was his purpose?
9. **Isaiah 55:6-7** What must we do in order for God to pardon our sin and restore our relationship with him?

## Lesson 3 Summary

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Living independently of God and setting ourselves up as our own boss is the essence of what the Bible calls *sin*. It manifests itself in many ways and has certain consequences about which God has warned us.

Our rebellion against God is evident in our conduct - we fail to live up to God's standards. Some people are more openly disobedient than others, but when Jesus Christ analyzed the heart of man, he said, "*From within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside*" (Mark 7:21-23). Notice that he includes as evil not only actions but also thoughts and attitudes. Who is free from all these evidences of rebellion, these symptoms of sin? "*There is no one righteous, not even one*" (Romans 3:10) "*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*" (3:23).

Our evil conduct, resulting from our sinful condition (inclination to sin), has an effect on us. It defiles us; it makes us unclean in the sight of a righteous and all-knowing God. God is holy and cannot tolerate in his presence anything that is unholy. Sin destroys our relationship with God; it separates us from him (Isaiah 59:1-2).

God's first warning to man was that disobedience would result in death. The apostle Paul repeated that warning when he wrote, "*The wages of sin is death*" (Romans 6:23). People who deny and disobey God may be alive physically, but they are dead spiritually. If they don't call on God to save them before they die physically, they will remain separated from God for all eternity.

God is just and cannot overlook our sin, but he is also loving and has provided a way for us to escape from death. We don't have to be separated from him; we can have true life now and forever through faith in God's Son, whom God sent to die for our sins. "*God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us*" (Romans 5:8).

An understanding of who Jesus Christ is and what he did will help us understand how God can forgive and accept us. The next lesson takes up those subjects.