

Righteousness by Faith in the End Time

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What is Sin?

I. Definitions

- A. Original sin (sin as nature)
- B. Sin as choice

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- A. Difference between evil and guilt
- B. Death as result and penalty
 - Genesis 2:17
 - Revelation 13:8
 - Luke 13:1-5
 - John 9:1-3
 - John 5:24,25
 - 1 John 5:1 2,13
 - EGW statements

C. Guilt because of choice

Romans 7:7-9
John 15:22, 24
John 9:41
James 4:1 7
James 1:14, 15
Ezekiel 18:1-4
Ezekiel 18:20
Acts 17:30
Matthew 11:21-24
Psalm 87:4-6
EGW statements

Spirit of Prophecy Statements

- II. B. **1 BC 1082** -- *"Why was not the death penalty at once enforced in his case? Because a ransom was found. God's only-begotten Son volunteered to take the sin of men upon Himself, and to make an atonement for the fallen race."*
- 1 BC 1085** -- *"The instant man accepted the temptations of Satan, and did the very things God had said he should not do, Christ, the Son of God stood between the living and the dead, saying, 'Let the punishment fall on me. I will stand in man's place. He shall have another chance.'"*
- 1 BC 1084** -- *"As soon as there was sin, there was a Saviour . . . As soon as Adam sinned, the Son of God presented Himself as surety for the human race, with just as much power to avert the doom pronounced upon the guilty as when He died upon the cross of Calvary ."*
- II. C. **PP 306** -- *"It is inevitable that children should suffer from the consequences of parental wrong doing, but they are not punished for the parents' guilt, except as they participate in their sins... By inheritance and example the sons become partakers of the father's sin. Wrong tendencies, perverted appetites, and debased morals, as well as physical disease and degeneracy, are transmitted as a legacy from father to son, to the third and fourth generation."*
- 5 BC 1145** -- *"Those who have an opportunity to hear the truth, and yet take no pains to hear or understand it, thinking that if they do not hear, they will not be accountable, will be judged guilty before God the same as if they had heard and rejected . . . In His sufferings and death Jesus has made atonement for all sins of ignorance, but there is no provision made for willful blindness... We shall not be held accountable for the light that has not reached our perception, but for that which we have resisted and refused. A man could not apprehend the truth which had never been presented to him, and therefore could not be condemned for light he had never had."*

"None will be condemned for not heeding light and knowledge that they never had, and they could not obtain."

"Men will not be judged for light they have never had. But those who have kept Sunday, whose attention has been called to this error, but who would not open their eyes to behold wondrous

things out of the law, will be judged according to the light that has come to them."

GW 162 --"Light makes manifest and reprove the errors that were concealed in darkness; and as light comes, the life and character of men must change correspondingly, to be in harmony with it. Sins that were once sins of ignorance, because of the blindness of the mind, can no more be indulged in without incurring guilt."

GC 27, 28 -- *"There were still many among the Jews who were ignorant of the character and the work of Christ. And the children had not enjoyed the opportunities or received the light which their parents had spurned... The children were not condemned for the sins of the parents; but when, with a knowledge of all the light given to their parents, the children rejected the additional light granted to themselves, they became partakers of the parents' sins, and filled up the measure of their iniquity."*

5 T 177 -- *"The sin of evilspeaking begins with the cherishing of evil thoughts. Guile includes impurity in all its forms. An impure thought tolerated, an unholy desire cherished, and the soul is contaminated, its integrity compromised... If we would not commit sin, we must shun its very beginnings. Every emotion and desire must be held in subjection to reason and conscience. Every unholy thought must be instantly repelled... No man can be forced to transgress. His own consent must be first gained; the soul must purpose the sinful act before passion can dominate over reason or iniquity triumph over conscience. Temptation, however strong, is never an excuse for sin. He knows how strong are the inclinations of the natural heart, and He will help in every time of temptation. Have you fallen in to sin? Then without delay seek God for mercy and pardon. When David was convicted of his sin, he poured out his soul in penitence and humiliation before God."*

1T 116 -- *"Said the angel: 'If light comes, and that light is set aside or rejected, then comes condemnation and the frown of God; but before the light comes, there is no sin, for there is no light for them to reject.'"*

RH March 27, 1888 -- *"There are thoughts and feelings suggested and aroused by Satan that annoy even the best of men; but if they are not cherished, if they are repulsed as hateful, the soul is not contaminated with guilt, and no other is defiled by their influence."*

DA 490 -- *"Our condemnation in the judgment will not result from the fact that we have been in error, but from the fact that we have neglected heaven-sent opportunities for learning what is truth."*