

Can We Be Good Without God?

THE PROBLEM OF SIN

I. Sin: Our Actions

What we do and don't do

Three crucial dimensions

- 1. A lack or want of conformity*
- 2. A transgression of the law*
- 3. An action performed by reasonable creatures*

II. Original Sin: Our Nature

Who we really are

If people are basically good, why is sin so universal?

Scripture clearly says the Fall occurred, and the Fall was devastating.

When does the individual become a sinner?

III. A Final Concept On Sin

Are human beings basically good or basically evil?

The Bible says ... "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:23

The world says ... basically, people are inherently good.

The case for total depravity

Sin is rooted in the core of our being

Biblical passages for further study:

Genesis 3:1-24

Romans 2:1-11

Romans 3:10-26

Romans 5:12-19

Romans 8:1-11

Ephesians 2:1-3

Ephesians 4:17-19

James 1:12-15

1 John 1:8-10