

The TRUE Identity



THE ONE WEEK.

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Seventh Day Adventist



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Section 4a
SINLESSNESS
IN
SINFUL FLESH
(PART 1)

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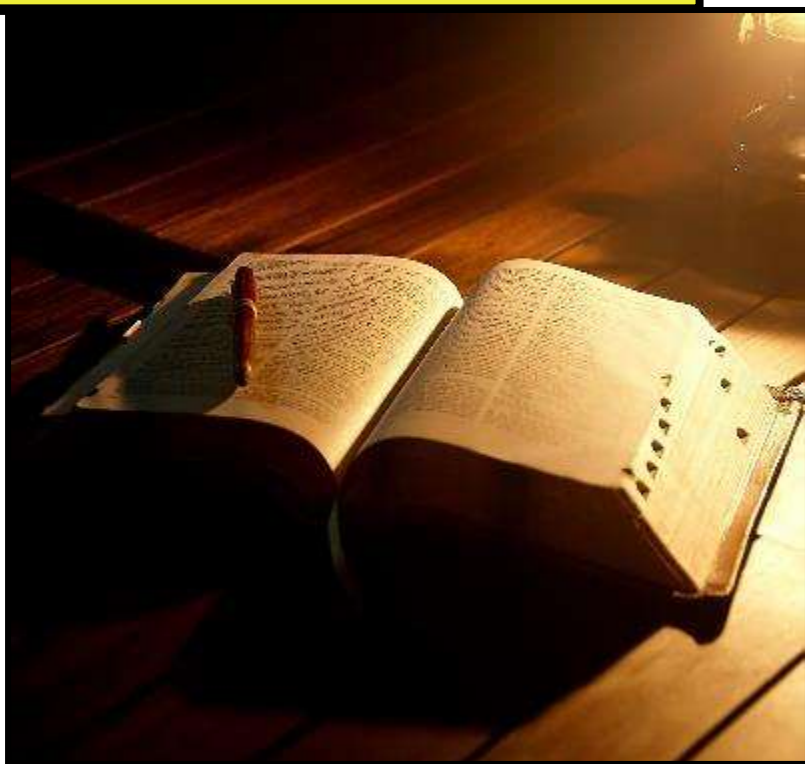
PART 1: SINLESSNESS NOT ONLY POSSIBLE, BUT NECESSARY



INTRODUCTORY TOPICAL TEXT(S)

1 PETER 2:21-22,24 (KJV)>> ²¹For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: ²²Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. . . . ²⁴Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

ROMANS 8:1-4 (KJV)>> ¹There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: ⁴That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.



Built on the Foundations: Principal Points of Faith

The S. D. A. people have no written creed, but the following are the main points of their faith, upon which there is a very general agreement. They believe:

V. - That the new birth comprises the entire change necessary to fit us for the kingdom of God. . . . {1890, MBC90 8.5}

XVI. - That no one can be a true child of God except by conversion, which is the work of the Holy Spirit. . . .{1890, MBC90 10.3}

XVII. - That all mankind have broken God's law, and come short of his glory; and that we are wholly dependent upon Jesus Christ for justification from all past sins, and for strength to obey God's law in time to come. {1890, MBC90 10.4}

XVIII. - That Christians are constantly beset by three enemies; the world, the flesh, and the Devil; and that to be preserved from backsliding and being lost, we should take up our daily cross, watch unto prayer, have faith in God, read and study the Bible, attend meetings, bear a public testimony to the goodness of God, and work while the day lasts, in doing good to others. {1890, MBC90 10.5}

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I.-That there is one God, a personal, spiritual Being, the Creator of all things, omnipotent, omniscient, and eternal; infinite in wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, truth, and mercy; unchangeable, and that he is everywhere present by his representative, the Holy Spirit. {1890, MBC90 8.1}

II.-That there is one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, the one by whom he created all things, and by whom they consist; that he took on him the nature of man, for the redemption of our fallen race; that he dwelt among men, full of grace and truth, lived our example, died our sacrifice, was raised for our justification, ascended on high to be our only mediator in the sanctuary in heaven, where, through the atoning merits of his blood, he secures the pardon and forgiveness of all who penitently come to God through him; and as the closing portion of his work as priest before he comes again as King of kings, he will make the final atonement for the sins of all believers, and blot

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According to Scripture, why do we need saving?

ISAIAH 59:1-2 (KJV)>> ¹Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: ²But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

ROMANS 5:12 (KJV)>> ¹²Wherefore, 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.

ROMANS 3:23 (KJV)>> ²³For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

1 JOHN 3:4-8 (KJV)>> ⁴Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

MATTHEW 1:21 (KJV)>> ²¹And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.



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G264 ἁμαρτάνω **hamartano** (ham-ar-tan'-o) v.

- 1. (*properly*) to miss the mark (and so not share in the prize)**
- 2. (*figuratively*) to err**
- 3. (*especially, morally*) to sin**

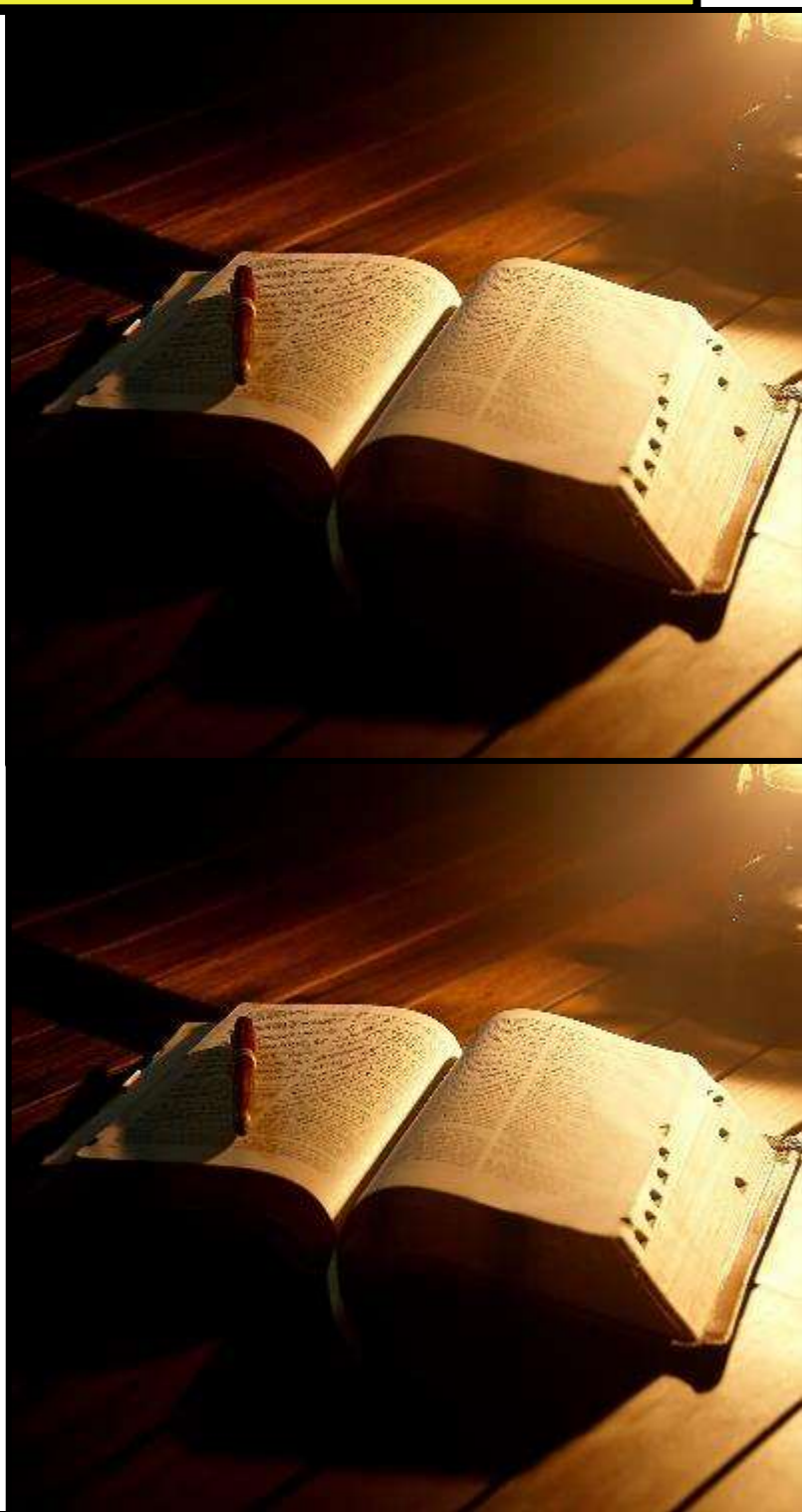
KJV: for your faults, offend, sin, trespass



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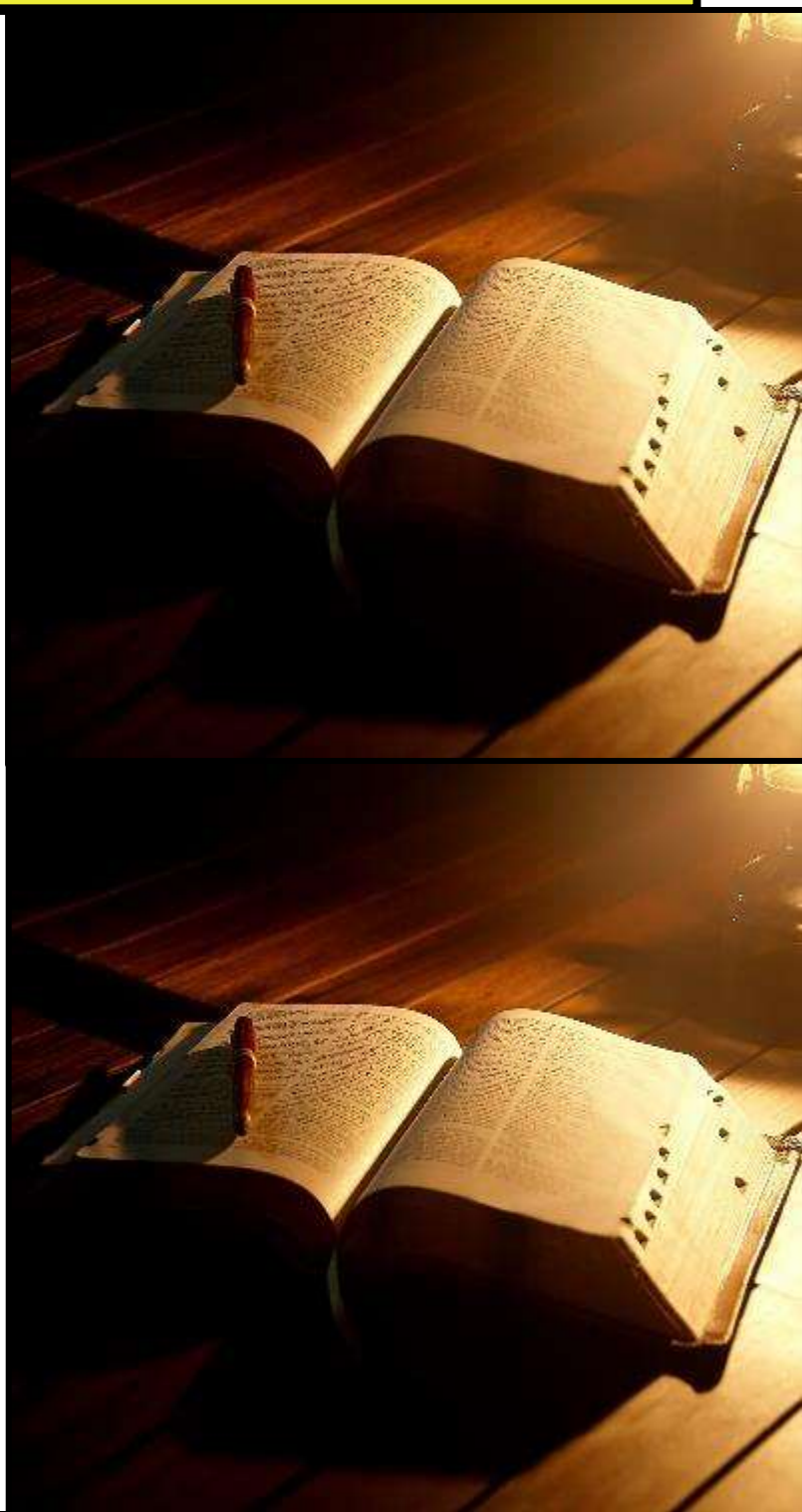
GENESIS 2:16-17 (KJV)>> ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: ¹⁷**But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**

GENESIS 3:1-7 (KJV)>> ¹Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? ²And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: ³But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. ⁴And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ⁵For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. ⁶And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. ⁷And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.



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GENESIS 3:8-16 (KJV)>> ⁸And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. ⁹And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? ¹⁰And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. ¹¹And he said, **Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?** ¹²And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I **did eat**. ¹³And the LORD God said unto the woman, **What is this that thou hast done?** And the woman said, **The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat**. ¹⁴And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art **cursed** above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: ¹⁵And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. ¹⁶Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

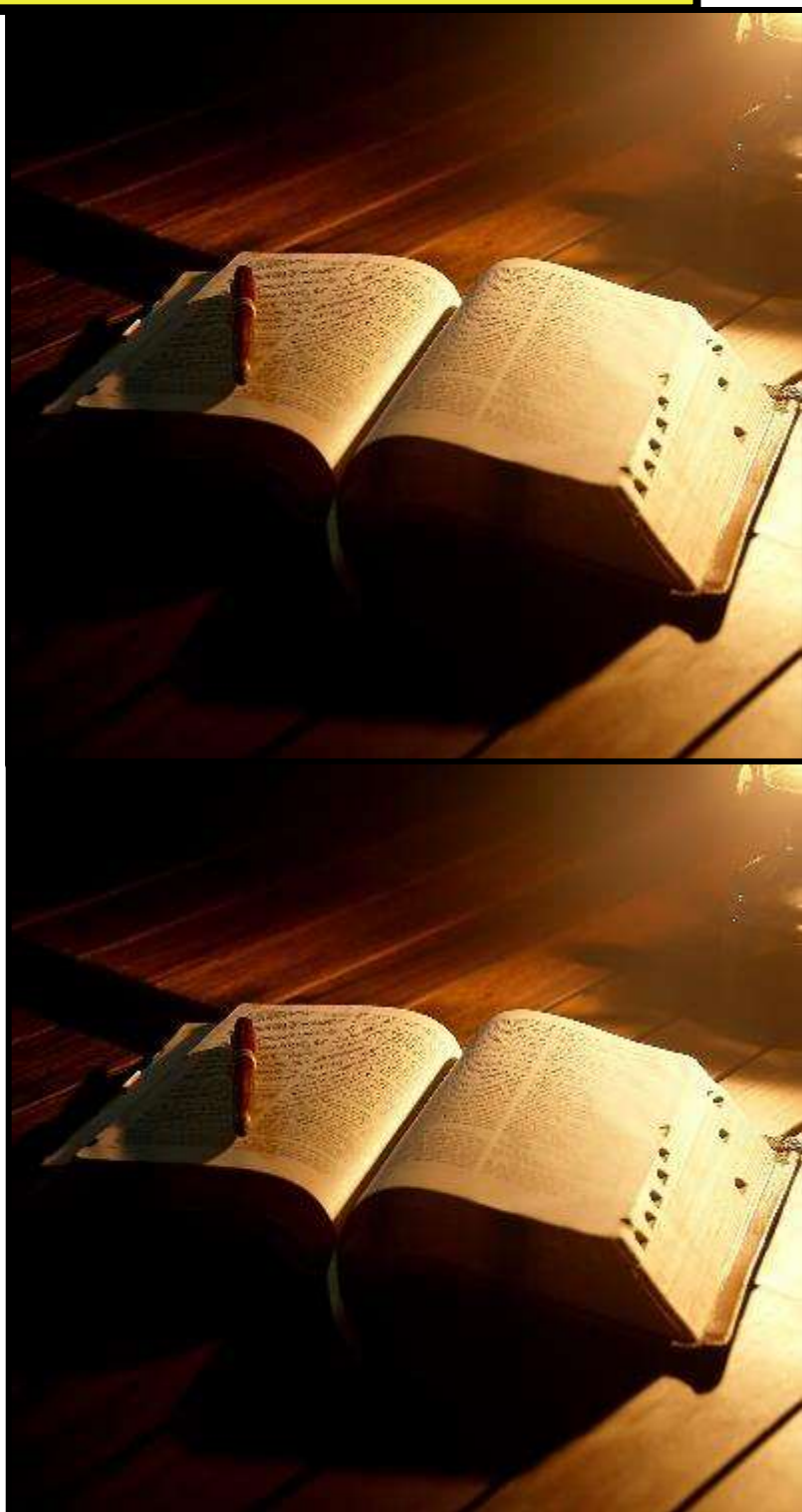


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GENESIS 3:17-19,22-23 (KJV)>> ¹⁷And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; ¹⁸Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; ¹⁹In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. . . . ²²And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: ²³Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

ISAIAH 24:5-6 (KJV)>> ⁵The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. ⁶Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

ROMANS 8:22-23 (KJV)>> ²²For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. ²³And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.



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1 JOHN 3:7-8 (KJV)>> ⁷Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. ⁸He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.



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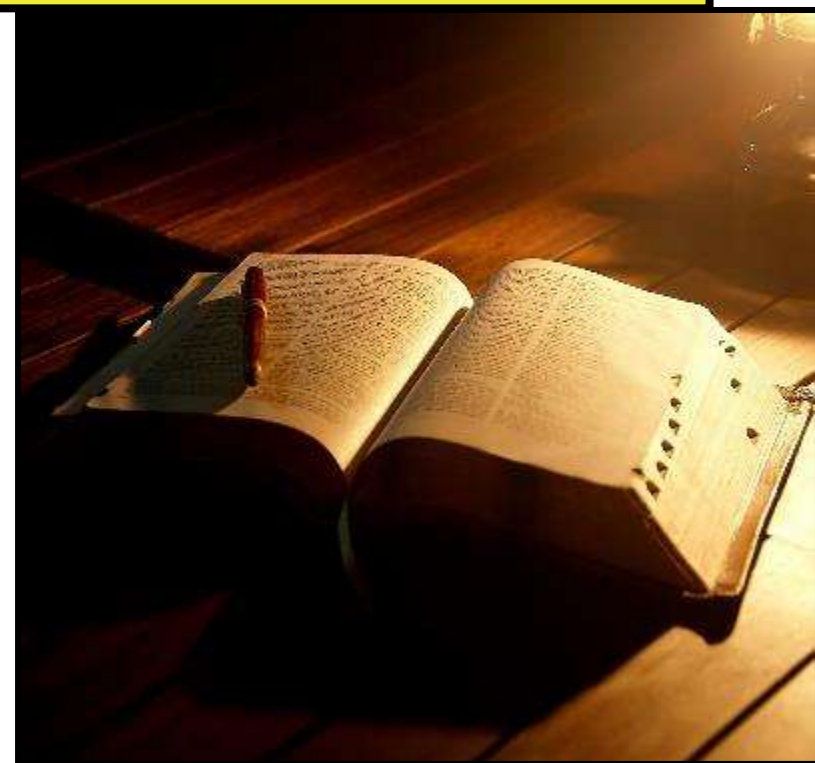
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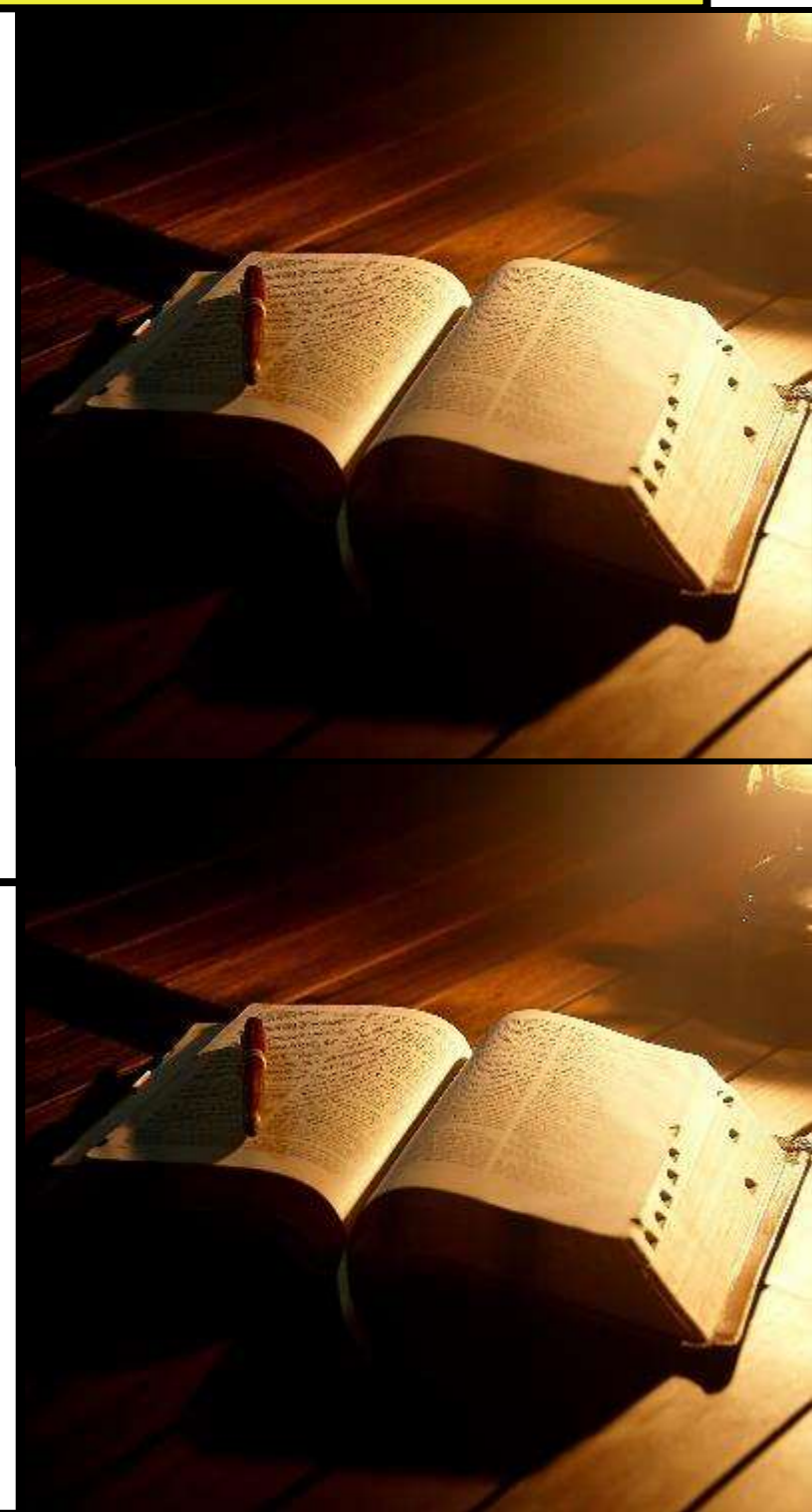
G4561 **σάρξ** **sarx** (sarx') n.

3. (by extension) the body (as opposed to the soul (or spirit), or as the symbol of what is external, or as the means of kindred)

4. (by implication) human nature (with its frailties (physically or morally) and passions)

5. (specially) a human being (as such)

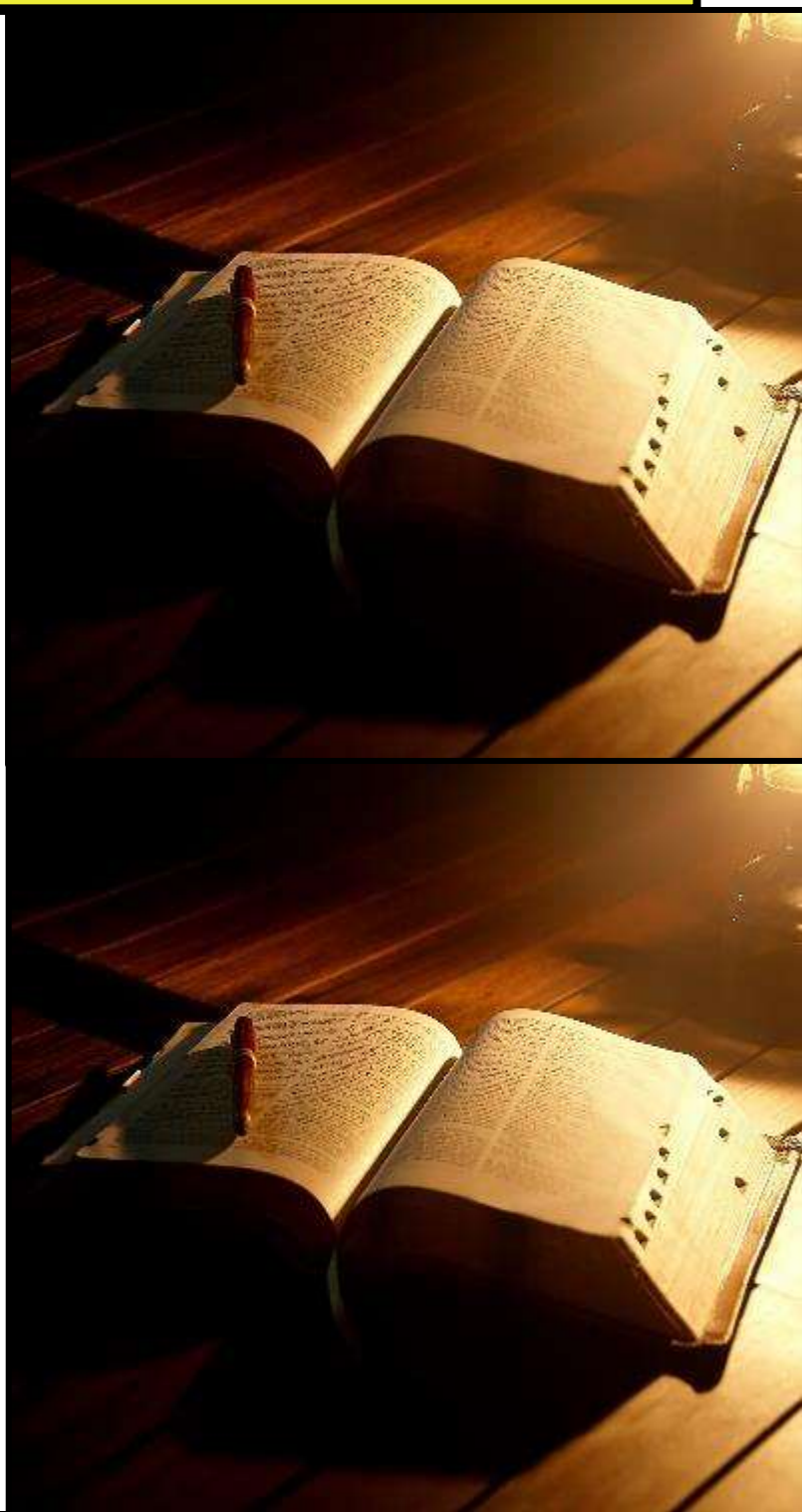
KJV: carnal(-ly, + -ly minded), flesh(-ly)



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1 JOHN 3:9-12 (KJV)>> ⁹Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. ¹⁰In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. ¹¹For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹²Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

GENESIS 4:3-8 (LEESER)>> ³And it came to pass in process of time, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground and offering unto the Lord. ⁴And Abel--he also brought of the firstlings of his flock, and of the fattest thereof; and the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering; ⁵But unto Cain and to his offering he had no respect; and it was very displeasing to Cain, and his countenance fell. ⁶And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? ⁷If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door; and unto thee is its desire, but thou canst rule over it. ⁸And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

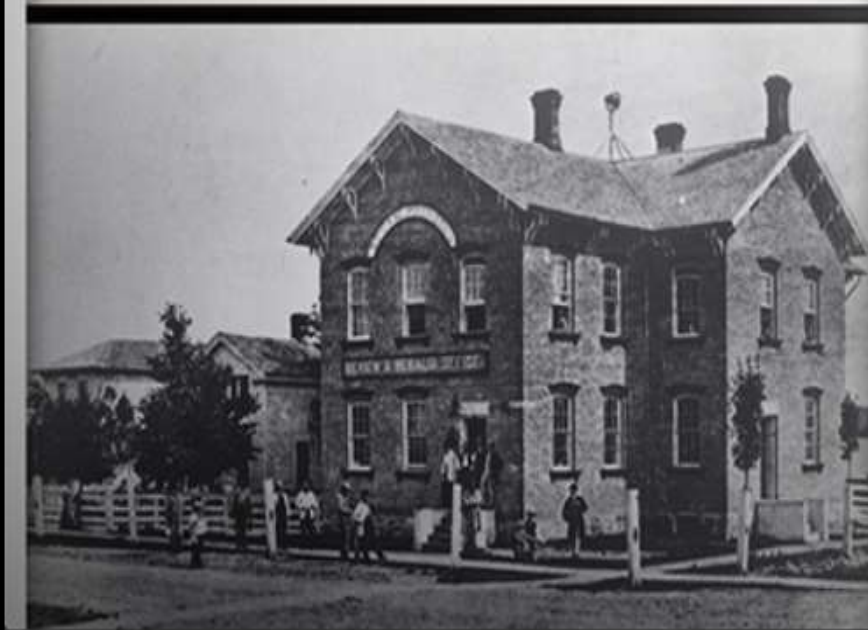


One definition for sin; one definition for salvation

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." This is the only definition of sin given in the Holy Scriptures, and we should seek to understand what sin is, lest any of us be found in opposition to the God of heaven. We are required to be in a position of obedience to all of God's commandments. Our salvation cost our Lord too much for us to be found going on in uncertainty when eternal interests are involved, therefore we should open our minds and search the Scriptures, so that we may know for ourselves how we can stand under the banner of Prince Immanuel. God requires at this moment just what he required of Adam in paradise before he fell--perfect obedience to his law. The requirement that God makes in grace is just the requirement he made in paradise. We want to understand the claims of God upon us that we may reach the hearts of men, and teach them what God's word requires of them in order that they may have eternal life. We must live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. {RH, July 15, 1890 par. 2}

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Conclusion: Sinlessness has always been the condition for salvation. It is refraining from knowingly transgressing God's Law by the power of Christ, while in this fallen flesh. This is the gospel in practice! Amen.

ISAIAH 53:5-6 (KJV)>> ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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Every one who believes on Christ, every one who relies on the keeping power of a risen Saviour that has suffered the penalty pronounced upon the transgressor, every one who resists temptation and in the midst of evil copies the pattern given in the Christ-life, will through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ become a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Every one who by faith obeys God's commandments, will reach the condition of sinlessness in which Adam lived before his transgression. {ST, July 23, 1902 par. 14}

