

THE STANDARD #5
THE WORD OF GOD IS THE FINAL AUTHORITY
EVERYBODY DOES THIS
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Amid universal diversity, humanity is united in the fact that we all sin.

- **We sin alike** in the fact that we have pride baked into our emotions which manifest in similar ways.
- **We sin differently** because not everyone commits adultery, gets drunk, lives as narcissist, or acts out as a murderer.

Romans 3.23 *For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.*

The apologetic of understanding sin helps us slot world views opposite of God:

- why there is vile behavior & shady deals
- the need to appear better than we really are
- and rail against truth from God

WHAT IS HARVESTED FROM PLANTING SIN IN THE SOIL OF BEHAVIOR?
PERSONAL DESTRUCTION. ALL HAVE SINNED.

Thoughts that might help you:

1. *God's ways are greater than my self-imposed reasoning.*
2. *My reasoning, as good as it may be is flawed.*
3. *Flawed reasoning takes me down avenues littered with human speculation.*
4. *Human speculation creates philosophies concocted from the limited minds of people.*
5. *The minds of people cannot match the wisdom of the Living God.*
6. *The ways of the Living God are greater than my self-imposed reasoning.*
7. *I should shed my inferior self-imposed reasoning.*

GOD'S WISDOM > HUMAN CONCOCTIONS

1 Corinthians 1.18-21 *The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. 19 As the Scriptures say, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent." 20 So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. 21 Since God in His wisdom saw to it that the world would never know Him through human wisdom, He has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.*

IF ONE STARTS FALSE, ONE ENDS UP FALSE.

Acts 17:16-18 *While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city. 17 He went to the synagogue to reason with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and he spoke daily in the public square to all who happened to be there.*

18 *He also had a debate with some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers. When he told them about Jesus and His resurrection, they said, "What's this babbler trying to say with these strange ideas he's picked up?" Others said, "He seems to be preaching about some foreign gods."*

Acts 17:32-34 *When they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead, some laughed in contempt, but others said, "We want to hear more about this later." 33 That ended Paul's discussion with them, 34 but some joined him and became believers. Among them were Dionysius, a member of the council, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.*

1. Every person is born in sin but believers in Jesus will not face condemnation for sin. (Hell)
2. Every person is born in sin but believers in Jesus don't have to be a slave to sin. Whom the Son sets free is free indeed. (Freedom)
3. Every person is born in sin but believers in Jesus will one day be with Him. (Heaven)

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am a sinner. I know that the penalty of my sin is physical, spiritual, and eternal death. I acknowledge that I can't do anything about my situation. But I know that You came to pay the penalty for my sin. I trust in You alone as the One who died in my place. I repent of my sin and trust in You alone as the only One who can place me in an eternal relationship with the Living God. I desire to be Your child. I desire to live as Your child. In Your Name. Amen.