

Holiness J.C. Ryle / Sin

Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. (1 John 3:4 NKJ)

With what subject does Ryle say a right view of Christian holiness must begin?

Definition –

Sin, in short, is that vast moral _____ which affects the whole human race, of every rank, and class, and name, and nation, and people, and tongue; a disease from which there never was but one born of woman that was free. Need I say that One was Christ Jesus the Lord?

I say, furthermore, that “a sin,” to speak more particularly, consists in _____, saying, thinking, or _____, anything that is not in perfect conformity with the _____ and _____ of God. “Sin,” in short, as the Scripture saith, is “the transgression of the law.” (1 John 3:4.) The _____ outward or _____ departure from absolute mathematical parallelism with God’s revealed will and character constitutes a sin, and at once makes us guilty in God’s sight.

What does Matthew 5:21-28 prove about sin?

What are sins of omission and commission, what is the difference?

When is sin, sin? When we know it is or when God says it is? What passages in Leviticus and Numbers speak to this?

Origin –

According to Ryle are we born sinners, or is sin something we only learn as we grow older?

What common saying is according to Ryle the worst foolish parents say about their children? Why is this so bad? Do you agree with Ryle about this?

The extent of sin –

What does Isaiah 1:6 say about the extent of sin? What aspects of our being are infected by this disease? What aspects of our being are not infected by it?

Why does Ryle say “man has all the marks of a majestic temple about him” what does he mean by this, what does he say sin has done to this temple?

What according to Ryle is one of the greatest proofs of the extent and power of sin?

I am convinced that the greatest proof of the extent and power of sin is the pertinacity with which it cleaves to man, even after he is _____ and has become the subject of the Holy Ghost's operations.

What does pertinacity mean? Is sin in us pertinacious?

The guilt of sin –

Do we, can we, have an accurate view of how bad sin is in God's eyes?

What gives us the best understanding of this which we can get?

The deceitfulness of sin –

You may see this deceitfulness in the wonderful proneness of men to regard sin as less sinful and _____ than it is in the sight of God; and in their readiness to extenuate it, make _____ for it, and minimize its guilt.—“It is but a little one! God is merciful! God is not extreme to mark what is done amiss! We mean well! One cannot be so particular! Where is the mighty harm? We only do as others!”

What does Ryle mean when he says sin comes to us, “like Judas with a kiss?”

On pages 27-28 Ryle mentions “two thoughts” –

On the one hand - we should be _____

On the other hand – we should be _____

Conclusion –

What is a scriptural view of sin one of the best antidotes for?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

