

July 6th, 2025

Hamartiology

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Psalm 19:12-14 (NLT)

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means to miss God’s _____.

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4. Sin is a _____ problem for all human beings.
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5. There are _____ of sin; some are _____ than others.
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_____ for US. Rom 3:23-24

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In Christian theology, hamartia (sin) means to miss God's perfect standard.

2. God (in Holy Scripture) defines what sin is. Rom 7:12
3. All humanity is born with a sin nature. Rom 5:12, 18
4. Sin is a universal problem for all human beings.
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1. The doctrine of sin helps us understand the way the world is. Gen 6:5
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