

SINS OF GALATIANS 5:19-21

Sexual immorality: Fornication, any sexual union outside of marriage. Denotes ungodly sexual acts and relationships; prostitution, rape, homosexuality, petting, adultery, child abuse, bestiality.

Impurity: Any sinful thinking. Anything vulgar, wrong thoughts, lust, masturbation, wrong motives, pornography, fantasy.

Debauchery: Any misuse of the body. Usually referring to sexual excesses, but in general, refers to a readiness to indulge in any pleasure (indecent, lewd dancing, anorexia and bulimia). There is no respect for anyone else. In this state, man is at the mercy of his passions, impulses, emotions, etc. He is completely undisciplined (i.e. gives in to gluttony, laziness, smoking, cravings, masturbation, unlimited pleasure.)

Idolatry: Worshipping anything other than God. Giving or devoting one's time, substance, talents, and/or self to anything that keeps one from obeying and following God in every way (i.e. status symbols, investments, engrossing sports or hobbies, selfish ambitions, relationships, property, possessions, pleasure and wants, school, work, pride). Praying to anyone other than God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.

Witchcraft: Seeking or being involved in any spiritual realm other than God's. Includes astrology (i.e. the stars control; consequently, God does not rule), horoscopes, Satan worship, the occult, magic spells, good luck charms or pictures, praying to saints, drug use, tarot cards, palm reading, channeling (the New Age movement), Ouijiboard, etc.

Hatred: Wishing ill or harm on anyone. Looking down on anyone, bitter feelings, resentment, and wanting revenge. Murder and abortion.

Discord: Anything that breaks up relationships. Stirring up trouble, an inability to get along with people, arguing, slander, gossip, malicious talk and criticalness.

Jealousy: Possessiveness, not sharing.

Fits of rage: Uncontrolled anger, losing your temper, temper tantrums, quick temper, angry shouting, cursing and profanity, fighting.

Selfish ambition: Living to please self. Wanting one's own way, getting what one wants at any cost, desiring to be first at any cost, overly competitive spirit. Not willing to do menial or demeaning tasks, refusing to admit being wrong, arrogance, doing things for honor or glory, wanting to look good for others, refusing to compromise, pride, selfishness, and independence.

Dissent: Rebelling against authority. Not submitting. Habitually disagreeing, arguing, causing division, starting arguments, stirring up trouble.

Factions: Feeling superior to others. Cliques, refusing to associate with anyone because they are different or for any other reason. Wanting to be with "own" kind, prejudice, bigotry, and racism.

Envy: Desiring something another person has while wishing that they did not have it at all. (i.e., wealth, status, ability, physical features, spirituality, relationships).

Drunkenness: Anything that causes one to lose control. Intoxication, alcohol, drug abuse.

Orgies: Living without restraint. Includes "partying," sexual parties, unrestrained sex, vandalism, carousing.

And the like: Lying, stealing, cheating, deceit, etc.

Definition of sin:

Commission—Breaking God's laws. (I John 3:4). Sin is lawlessness, going beyond God's boundary. Sin is doing wrong.

Omission—Sin is not doing right. Not doing the good we are asked by God to do. (James 4:17)
(Ex: evangelism, discipleship, service, contribution, attendance, quiet times, prayer, Bible study)