

The Root of Sinful Behavior  
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Scriptures:

- Genesis 3:3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12
- Hebrews 10:5, 10, 11, 14, 18, 26
- Galatians 2:16, *NLT*
- Luke 18:9-14, *NLT*
- Ephesians 2:8, 9
- John 8:10, 11
- 1 John 3:20, 21
- Matthew 19:16
- Luke 18:18
- Romans 8:1
- Mark 9:23
- John 8:36
- 2 Timothy 1:7
- Proverbs 3:5, 6

Summary:

*Sin is a combination of evil ways of thinking, and it began in the garden of Eden. It started with Adam and Eve's unbelief when God warned them not to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil; unbelief progressed to self-righteousness, which led to condemnation and then fear, which caused sinful behavior. This is true even today, even for many believers.*

Notes:

1. The roots of sin are unbelief (the rejection of Jesus as the final sacrifice for sin), self-righteousness (man's pursuit to make himself righteous before God), condemnation (the judgment or pronouncement as unfit for use or service), and fear (stems from unbelief in God's Word).
2. Unbelief is an act of the will; we can decide to either believe or not believe. Unbelief is a sin. Therefore, the life of an unbeliever will be filled with sinful behavior.
3. Religion has trained us to perform and do all the right things to be righteous; however, righteousness is a gift we receive from God. A self-righteous man loves to compare himself to others; a truly righteous man trusts God and humbles himself.
4. If we condemn ourselves, we get caught in the cycle of sin because we identify ourselves by our behavior. We act like what we believe we are; our belief that we're either righteous or sinners affects how we behave. God doesn't demand righteousness by our performance; He sees us as righteous by our faith in Him.
5. The greatest fear Christians have is the fear that what God promised in His Word won't come to pass. Fear comes out of condemnation; we conquer it by choosing to trust God.

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