

Sin: A PRIMER

The Bible uses a number of words to describe the character of sin:

Term	References	Description
Missing the Mark (sin)	Romans 3:23	Most common: A voluntary decision to reject God's standard, which is perfect obedience and love.
Unrighteousness	Romans 6:12-14; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11	Violating God's moral law.
Transgression	Matthew 15:1-3; 1 Timothy 2:13-14	Literally, to overstep. To go beyond the limits set by God.
Trespass	Galatians 6:1; James 5:16	To deviate or wander from God's direction in your life.
Iniquity	Acts 8:18-24; 2 Peter 2:15-16	An absence of godly values; wickedness.
Rebellion	Psalms 95:6-11; Exodus 17:1-7	To resist, doubt or reject God's sovereignty and leadership.
Perversion	Acts 13:6-11; Acts 20:30; Galatians 1:6-7	To twist or distort God's truth and His way of living.
Abomination	Luke 16:13-15	Detestable to God. In particular, anything pertaining to idolatry.
Evil	Matthew 5:37; Hebrews 3:12	Of a bad nature. Causing pain, annoyance or trouble. Equated with Satan.
Ungodliness	Romans 1:18-23	A lack of reverential awe toward God – impiety, irreverence
Disobedience	Titus 3:3; Romans 5:19	Not complying with God's will. Usually refers for the lost.