 It’s what ***you are***, not what ***you have done***

Sin is to feel a secret pride in success, training, or appearance. It is to feel an important independent spirit. It is to feel bitter over what someone has told you about the success of another.

Sin is a hard, sarcastic, or unyielding spirit. It is a touchy, bitter, sensitive spirit, resigned to attract the attention of the opposite sex, to say and do things to attract attention to self. It is a constant complaining and a desire to quit trying to do right. It is abusive acts to self and others. It is a deceitful or an evasive spirit that seeks to create false impressions, depict flaws, and criticize when set aside unnoticed.

Sin is lustful and wandering eyes, a shrinking from duty and reproach, a tendency to retaliate when crossed, and permitting things you do not permit in your idea of a consecrated Christian.

Sin is a shallow stinginess, an uncleanness in thought or desire. It is a joke that reflects the vain or light manner of conversation or life of a jester. It is being unwilling to put out for others unless personal advantage is involved; it is partiality to certain persons or classes or denominations in your dealings.

Sin is always thinking of what might have been if certain things hadn’t happened. It is an unthankful, unappreciative attitude toward your lot in life. It is living in constant fear of failure; it is taking an unmerciful attitude toward those who do fail. It is taking an inferior attitude toward those of wealth or position.

Sin is putting on a false or exaggerated humility or imagining how others are praising you or speaking well of you. It is straining at the truth, showing an apathetic attitude toward being caught in sin, or shirking responsibilities.

Sin is the feeling of nervousness you get when you watch somebody do something you think you could do better.

Now this was not a declaration of any of ***your*** sins that ***you*** have **committed**, and trying to point ***you*** out in the crowd, even though listening to it should have come close to home for all of us in one thing or another.

But instead of this being a description of what ***you have done***, it is ***a description of what you are****!* It is a description of the *Adamic nature that indwells every human being that has ever been* after Adam, ***except one, Jesus Christ***. It is what the Bible refers to as “evil,” “carnal,” and “fleshly” man. It is not something that ***you*** learned; it is ***what you were conceived as***. There is no way that you can rid yourself from it or cleanse yourself from it. It is part of your being. It is what has separated you from God. It is why the wrath of God abides on you. It is why you will die. It is “**the offense of the cross**.” ***Galatians 5:11***

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***Romans 7:14-25; Hebrews 5:12-39; Philippians 2:5-11; 1 Peter 2:22-25***

***Ephesians 2:1-5; Colossians 2:13; 1 Peter 3:18***