

# SIN

Sin is doing contrary to the Will of God<sup>3</sup>. *"Jesus said 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"* (Matthew 22:37-40) Anything, whether it is thoughts, words or actions, that is contrary to this perfect love of God and this perfect love for your neighbor, is sin. By this standard *all people sin and fall short of the glory of God.*<sup>4</sup> No amount of good works will wash away these sins<sup>5</sup> or their consequences, eternal separation from our God<sup>6</sup>.

### **3 1 John 4:3**

*and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.*

### **4 Romans 3:23**

*...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

### **5 Galatians 3:10**

*For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."*

### **6 Romans 6:23a**

*For the wages of sin is death.*