

## SIN

*Missing the Mark with God*  
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“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.” Proverbs 25:11

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TERM	MEANING
<b>SIN:</b> You missed the mark: in this case -	You did not get up <u>to</u> the standard or requirement. With “sin”, your arrow <u>fell short</u> of the whole target. (or, minimum speed = 45 and you are only going 30).
<b>TRANSGRESSION:</b> The opposite of “sin”-	To overstep or go beyond an approved limit or boundary. You still missed the target, but this time your arrow went over the target. (maximum speed is 55 and you go 70).
<b>TRESPASS:</b> To <i>deviate</i> from the right path -	To go too far to the right or the left of the boundary. Your arrow missed to the right or left of the target. Here, you not only don’t stay between the lines, you don’t even stay on the road.
<b>INIQUITY:</b> Greek = anomia = unrighteousness = not right with God -	Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression (anomia) of the law (1 John 3:4, KJB). “Iniquity” is not so much the “ <b>breaking</b> ” of a specific law of God, but <b>refusal</b> to be <b>controlled</b> . It is <b>self-will</b> – a <b>will</b> opposed to God. It is a <b>rebellious attitude</b> toward the things of God (lawlessness). Iniquity is the self-will and rebellious <b>attitude</b> springing from <b>within</b> (i.e., a bad or evil heart) that manifests itself so as to produce the <b>acts</b> of sin, transgression, and trespass. It is the <b>root</b> of the problem.

### Note:

The Law does not *make* men sinners (already that by nature); it *reveals* them for what they really are – transgressors: we go too far.

Although the above definitions are technically correct, care must be exercised in taking them beyond being that of a good general guide. In actual practice, Scripture often uses them almost interchangeably (e.g., see 1 John 3:4 above) as do we in normal daily conversation.

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