

# Thinking About God

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**A discussion starter for  
people who want to think  
about the nature of God**

seriously

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**If God exists, is He Good or Evil?**

**[ consider-discuss ]**

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If God is good, then what are the **general** evidences for that

- > Creation
- > love + friendship
- > mercy

[ do these things speak of the nature of God? ]

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If God is good, then what are the **specific** evidences for that

- > Torah
- > Jesus

[ discuss ]



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**If God is Good, will He have shown interest in us?**

**[ consider-discuss ]**

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**How does the Bible explain the interest that God has shown in us?**

**[ consider-discuss ]**

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**Having created us, God wants us to live our lives abundantly**

**We have resources necessary for good life – food, fuel, materials**

**There really is no excuse for our failure to live life abundantly**

**But there is a REASON why we fail!**

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**The reason why we fail?**

**= we want to be like God. In fact we want to be "god" over our own lives.**

**[ consider-discuss ]**

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**Having created Mankind [ see Genesis 2 ] God laid down no restrictions – except just one [2:16]**

**We are not free to know Good AND Evil**

**Everything God created was good [Genesis 1] so mankind already “knew” good**

**Plainly it was the evil from which God restricted us**

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**We want to be like God. We want to “do our own thing” – to be “god over our own lives**

**How does this manifest itself?**

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> Putting **me** first – and to hell with the rest

> Putting **me** first – and to hell with the consequences

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**In fact we are **REBELS** against  
God's right to be God**



The Bible calls this  
rebellion - **SIN**

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**There are different types of Sin, to be sure**

**The English word "sin" covers**

**6 Hebrew words  
4 Greek words**

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There are different definitions of Sin, to be

The End of the Road

**We don't need to get bogged-down in the various meanings of "sin" just now. A Google search will probably turn-up some helpful definitions. The "One New Man" Translation of the Bible has an excellent short glossary and includes an article on sin on page 1781**


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**What do the various Hebrew/Greek words translated as "sin" have in common?**

**= a failure and unwillingness to live as God intends**

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**Sin therefore separates us from God**

A balance scale is shown in the background, tilted to the right. A yellow oval is positioned in the lower right quadrant, containing text. A white arrow points from the main text on the left towards the oval.

**God is Holy and Good – He will have nothing to do with Sin**

# Why does God hate sin?

Because sin is the very antithesis of His nature. The psalmist describes God's hatred of sin this way: "For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; no evil dwells with You" ([Psalm 5:4](#)). God hates sin because He is holy; holiness is the most exalted of all His attributes ([Isaiah 6:3](#); [Revelation 6:8](#)). His holiness totally saturates His being. His holiness epitomizes His moral perfection and His absolute freedom from blemish of any kind ([Psalm 89:35](#); [92:15](#); [Romans 9:14](#)).

<http://www.gotquestions.org/God-hate-sin.html>

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**Got Questions? – an internet site that tries to answer many basic questions about the Christian faith. It has a helpful short article "Why does God hate sin?". It is worth checking out!**

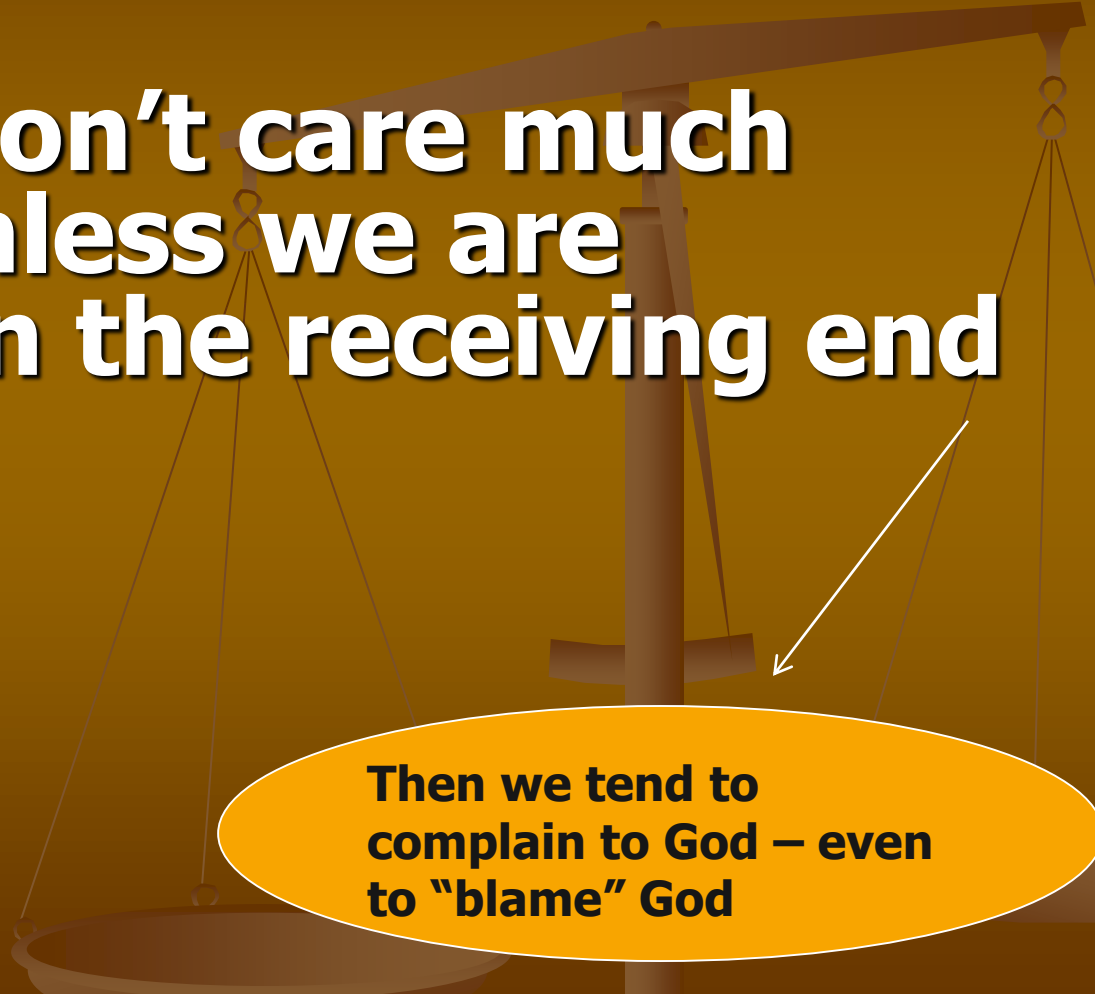
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**Sin therefore *separates* us from  
God**

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**Mostly, we don't care much about sin, unless we are personally on the receiving end**



**Then we tend to complain to God – even to “blame” God**

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**But God cares deeply about sin  
– and what it does to us.**

**How does God show His care  
for us? How does God show His  
love for us?**



**Romans 5 verse 8**

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**God ultimately demonstrates His love for us in Jesus.**

**What did Jesus say about Himself? What did others say about Jesus?**

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**Jesus**

I Am

John 6: 48  
John 10: 7  
John 10: 11  
John 11: 25  
John 14: 6  
John 15: 1

He Is

Colossians 1: 15 – 20 (also 13 – 14)  
Colossians 2: 9  
1 John 1: 7  
1 John 2: 2

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**If you want to know more about Jesus, then go on to our second slide-show called**

**Your Name is Peter!**