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Satan's Kind of Sin

Sin in 1 Jn 3:8 is the premeditated doing of evil, as the evil one sins. Verse 4 – It is lawlessness or rebellion against one's better judgment. This kind of sin is Satanic, making one a son of disobedience (Eph 2:1-3).

In 1 Jn 3:8, "of the devil" means that this kind of sin is premeditated rebellion against what one knows is right, which destroys, hurts, or damages the lives of others. This is the kind of sin Satan has sinned from the beginning. It was for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil, his evil works – premeditated evil – through the schemes, stratagems and devises of the evil forces of the world (Eph 6:10-14).

This kind of sin is of the spirit of rebellion against God (Rom 2:2-11; 1:24,26,28,32). This kind of sin listed in Rev 21:8 makes one just as guilty and just as worthy of the Lake of Fire as Satan, and so as Mt 25:41 says, one participates in his death (agony). Rev 20:12-15 — Every man is judged according to his works and these kinds of sins are the deeds that condemn one to the second death — "the works of the devil" (1 Jn 3:8), and the works of the man who is of the devil.

So we must understand here about John's trying to teach the Churches. This kind of sin is *not* as 1 Jn 2:1. We obey Him by confessing our sins. They are not the kind of sins that cannot be forgiven in this present age (Heb 6:6; 10:26-27; 1 Jn 5:16-17).

If one does commit these kind of sins it may prove that he is of the devil and was never of God (1 Jn 3:8-10; 4:4-6). So we must by our obedience destroy the works of the devil (Rev 12:9; 20:3,8) who leads the whole world astray from the Everlasting Covenant (Isa 24:5). He led the whole Edah in the first century (2 Cor 11:2-4, 13-15). And so Rev 2 and 3 developed into Rev 18:2,23 and 19:2.

Today we, too, are to destroy the works of the evil one (1 Jn 3:8) by walking in the deeds prepared for us to do (Eph 2:10). This will be the basis of our judgment in the Body (2 Cor 5:10).

The sins in 1 Jn 2:1 and 3:8 are *qualitatively different*. One is of inadvertence and the other of rebellion, for it is true that all have sinned, as Rom 3:23 says, and fallen short of the glory of God. But not all have fallen all the way as Satan has. Many have sinned as Lot did, or as Abraham sinned, or as Abel sinned, but not as Cain sinned (Gen 4:13,7,8).

By Nature

Eph 2:2 – Means walking according to "the course of this world" in accord with the prince of the power of the air. This is the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience. We were those "among whom" – the whom (or *them*, NASB) being "the children of wrath" whom we were being deceived or led astray by. We took in their influence, the peer pressure we gave ourselves to.

"Among whom" also we all once lived ourselves in the lusts of our flesh – fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind – and were *by nature* children of wrath. *By nature* means by "growth." It was a state of being we grew into. Our constitution was almost sealed as the filthy or the unjust as Rev 22:11 says, "still." We were by *then* or we were *then*, as Rom 1:24,26,28, turned over (almost) to deserving wrath.

We were almost as guilty as Satan was, to the point of deserving wrath eternally (Mt 25:41).

By nature – a constitutional change has to come in to become children of wrath, to be turned over to a state of being, to have a nature change to the final fall. This deserves a second death just as the others. (See the pocket-sized *Three Eternal Destinies* pamphlet under the first category in Rev 22:11 concerning the filthy.)