

Are there degrees of sin and punishment?  
Obviously there are both!

Joh 19:11 Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

2Pe 2:21 For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.

God counts not only the depth but the number as well.

Luk 7:41-47 “A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. (42) When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both.

Now which of them will love him more?” (43) Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.” 44 Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ... (47)

Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”

## The depths of sin are measured

Luk 10:13-14 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. (14) But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

1Co 5:1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife.

Are there sins too great to be forgiven – No but  
there are hearts too hard to reach.

Heb 6:4-6 For it is impossible, in the case of those  
who have once been enlightened, who have tasted  
the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy  
Spirit, (5) and have tasted the goodness of the  
word of God and the powers of the age to come,  
(6) and then have fallen away, to restore them  
again to repentance, since they are crucifying once  
again the Son of God to their own harm and  
holding him up to contempt.

2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Mat 16:27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

Rom 2:6 He will render to each one according to his works:

At the same time, when we come to our reward in heaven, we find it is equal regardless of how long we may have served.

Mat 20:1 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. (2) After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. (3) And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, (4) and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ (5) So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. (6) And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’

(7) They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.'

(8) And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' (9) And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.



10 Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. (11) And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, (12) saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' (13) But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? (14) Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. (15) Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' (16) So the last will be first, and the first last."

Mat 20:21-28 And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom ... (24) And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. (25) But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. (26) It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, (27) and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, (28) even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Then who sits on the 24 thrones judging?

Rev 4:4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.

Rev 20:4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

We have 2 x 12 or a doubly perfect number who will judge.

We look to the 12 patriarchs representing the OT and the 12 apostles representing the NT, but these represent the two covenants by which we will be judged – each according to the covenant under which they lived.

In the NT – Joh 12:48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

In the OT – Ecc 12:14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

2Ki 23:3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book.

And yet we are all saved by the blood of Christ,  
whether under the New or the Old Testament

Heb 10:3 But in these sacrifices there is a reminder  
of sins every year. (4) For it is impossible for the  
blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ... 10  
And by that will we have been sanctified through  
the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.  
(11) And every priest stands daily at his service,  
offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can  
never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had  
offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat  
down at the right hand of God,