***Q. 14. What is sin?***

*Sin is any want of conformity to, or transgression of, the law of God.*

The Bible tells us that sin is a very serious thing. Since God is holy, he cannot stand the presence of sin. It provokes him to anger and kindles his wrath. This is why one pastor has said, “Do anything rather than sin!” He went on to say that it would be better to experience great sickness or pain rather than sin. Because sin is so serious, we should understand exactly what it is.

1. **The catechism says that there are two basic ways we sin.**

* Sometimes we call “a want of conformity to the law of God” a sin of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

That means we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Give three examples of this kind of sin:

* Sometimes we call “a transgression of the law of God” a sin of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

That means we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Give three examples of this kind of sin:

1. **The Bible uses many different words for sin. We find a couple of them in Psalm 32. What are the words and what do they mean?**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Pesha) means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (chatta’th) means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (avon) means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (remiyah) means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **The catechism makes clear that the law of God is to be what guides our lives. But not everyone does this. The following are a few “laws” men live by. Explain why each is wrong.**

*We need to do that which brings about the most good for the most people.*

*We should follow our hearts and let our conscience be our guide.*