

New Study Reveals 99% of Evangelicals Still Believe in Concept of Sin

Over 99% of evangelical Protestants still believe in the concept of sin.

Exactly what behaviors evangelicals define as “sin” varies greatly, from just 6% who say dancing is sin to 96% who feel adultery is sin.

These and other results have just been released by Infinity Concepts and Grey Matter Research in their latest report, “What Is Sin? Evangelical Beliefs and Behaviors.”

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Researchers asked evangelicals about 26 different behaviors to determine if they usually defined each one as sin or sinful behavior. The average evangelical defined 17 of these 26 behaviors as sin.

A few of the behaviors that at least 3 out of 4 evangelicals consider as sinful include:

- Adultery (96%).
- Racism (87%).
- Reading/watching pornography (86%).
- Homosexual activity or sex (86%).
- Antisemitism (84%).

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Other critical findings from the research include.

- Among evangelicals who believe it is a sin not to tithe, just 14% come anywhere close to a tithe in their own giving.
- Among those who do believe not attending worship is sin, 36% do not attend weekly, and 24% do not even attend monthly.
- Fifteen of the 26 behaviors show no differences in being viewed as sinful according to political beliefs.

“It is important to remember this is a study of what evangelicals *believe*, and not necessarily how they actually *behave*,” says Ron Sellers, the president of Grey Matter Research.

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