- **We must define our Biblical words accurately.**
- **This may involve the historical application.**
- **How was the word used when the author wrote it?**
- **What was an OT "sinner?"**
- **Jews were required to avoid "sinners" (Psalm 1:1)**

Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. (Ps. 1:1 KJV)

It is obvious that the "ungodly, sinners, and scornful" are in some way synonymous.

But the men of Sodom *were* wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly. (Gen. 13:13 KJV)

Galatians 2: Gentiles are "sinners" and Jews are not.

1 Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with *me* also.
2 And I went up by revelation, and **communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles**, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.
3 But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised:
4 And that because of **false brethren unawares brought in**, who came in privily to spy out our **liberty** which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into **bondage**:
5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that **the truth of the gospel** might continue with you.
6 But of these who **seemed to be somewhat**, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed *to be somewhat* in conference **added nothing to me**:

7 But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as *the gospel* of the circumcision *was* unto Peter;
8 (For **he [*The Trinity*]** that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the **same** [***The Trinity***]was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)
9 And when James [***half-brother of Jesus***], Cephas [***Simon Peter***], and John [***Zebedee***], who seemed to be **pillars**, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the **right hands of fellowship**; that we *should go* unto **the heathen**, and they unto **the circumcision**.
10 Only *they would* that we should remember the poor [***of Jerusalem***]; the same which I also was forward to do.
11 But when **Peter** was come to Antioch, **I withstood him to the face**, because he was to be blamed.
12 For before that **certain came from James**, he did eat with the Gentiles [***Acts 10***]: but when they were come, **he withdrew and separated himself [OT separation Psalm 1:1]**, fearing them which were of the circumcision [***Judaizers***].
13 And the **other Jews dissembled likewise** with him; insomuch that **Barnabas** also was carried away with their **dissimulation**.
14 But when I saw that they **walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel**, I said unto Peter before *them* all, If thou, **being a Jew**, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and **not as do the Jews**, **why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?**
15 We *who are* Jews by nature, and not **sinners of the Gentiles**,
16 Knowing that a man is **not justified by the works of the law**, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: **for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified**. (Gal. 2:1-16 KJV)

How then was a Jew justified before God?

This then takes us to Abraham!

Genesis 15 1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy **shield**, *and* thy **exceeding great reward**.
2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go **childless**, and the steward of my house *is* this Eliezer of Damascus?
3 And Abram said, Behold, to me **thou hast given no seed**: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

4 And, behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but **he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir**.
5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, **Look now toward heaven**, and tell ***[count]***the stars, if thou be able **to number them**: and he said unto him, **So shall thy seed be**.[***If/so proposition***]
6 **And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness**. (Gen. 15:1-6 KJV)

Note: He was not saved looking forward to Christ!

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw *it*, and was glad. (Jn. 8:56 KJV)

How did he see the day of Christ?

17 **By faith** Abraham, when he was tried [***Genesis 22***], offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up **his only begotten *son***,
18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:
19 **Accounting** [***number or tell***] that God *was* able to **raise *him* up**, **even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure**. (Heb. 11:17-19 KJV)

3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.
4 Then **on the third day** Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.
5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, **and come again to you**.
6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid *it* upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.
7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, **Behold the fire and the wood: but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?**
8 And Abraham said, **My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering**: so they went both of them together. (Gen. 22:3-8 KJV)

17 Even so faith, if it hath **not works, is dead, being alone**.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and **I will shew thee my faith by my works** [***Read Hebrews 11in this light***].
19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, **that faith without works is dead** [***OT and Tribulation faith***]? [***Truth for another dispensation is heresy in this dispensation***]
21 Was not Abraham our father **justified by works**, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect [***complete***]?
23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness [***Genesis 15***]: and he was called the Friend of God.
24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified [***Abraham was justified by works 30+ years and receiving the righteousness of God***], and not by faith only. (Jas. 2:17-24 KJV)

- **Are Jews sinners?**

9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named **Matthew** [***Tax collector***], sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.
10 And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat **in the house** [***Matthew's House***], behold, **many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples**.
11 And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with **publicans and sinners**?
12 But when Jesus heard *that*, he said unto them, **They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.** [***Implying that Jews who keep the covenant do not need a physician because they are not sick- like Elizabeth and Zachariah- Luke 1:6***]
13 But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, **I will have mercy, and not sacrifice** [***This is a cryptic message for the self-righteous***]: for I am not come to call the **righteous**, but **sinners to repentance**. (Matt. 9:9-13 KJV)

Here is the message for the self-righteous:

Whether of them twain did the will of *his* father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen *it*, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him. (Matt. 21:31-32 KJV)