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PART I SIN

CHAPTER I

NATURE AND ORIGIN OF SIN—MORTAL AND VENIAL SINS—TEMPTATIONS AND OCCASIONS OF SIN

SECTION I

NATURE AND ORIGIN OF SIN

I. DEFINITION.—The terms *sin*,¹ *transgression*,² *iniquity*,³ *offense*,⁴ and *disobedience*,⁵ are synonymously employed by Holy Scripture to designate a wilful transgression of the law of God, or voluntary disregard of His will.

“What is sin,” says St. Ambrose, “but an offense against the divine law and disobedience to the heavenly precepts?”⁶ St. Augustine, who employs the words “divine law” and “eternal law”

¹ ἄμαρτλα, ἀμάρτημα. Rom. V, 13, 20; Eph. II, 1; 1 John III, 4.

² Παράβασις. Rom. II, 23; IV, 15; V, 14; Heb. II, 2.

³ Ἀνομία. Matth. VII, 23; Rom. VI, 19; 1 John III, 4.

⁴ Παράπτωμα. Matth. VI, 14 sq.; Rom. V, 18; 2 Cor. V, 19; Eph. II, 1.

⁵ Παρακοή. Rom. V, 19; Heb.

II, 2.—Cfr. on the use of these terms K. Clemen, *Die christliche Lehre von der Sünde*, Vol. I, Göttingen 1897, pp. 35 sqq.

⁶ *De Paradiso*, c. VIII, n. 39 (Migne, P. L., XIV, 292): “Quid est peccatum nisi praevaricatio legis divini et caelestium inobedientia praeceptorum?”