

## HAMARTIOLOGY

One would think this study to be a subtopic of Anthropology. In essence it is a continuation of our study of man – it is man’s sinful nature. As we left off, we found that man and woman were created in total perfection and holiness and had a close relationship to God as He walked with them in the Garden of Eden.

**Genesis 2:25 (NKJV) — 25** And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Here we find a picture of innocence and delight. They were totally at ease, not only with each other, but in the presence of God. There was not shame to feel, since they themselves were made Holy. That will soon change.

As I mentioned last week, we are not told how long they remained in the garden together prior to the fall. It could have been days, weeks, months or several years. Genesis 2:25 lends anticipation to the events that will occur in the next chapter.

Adam and Eve were born without sin. They became sinners by sinning. His entire posterior from Cain and Able to us were and are born sinners and thus we sin. Pelagius and Armenia believed were not necessarily born in sin

***Pelagianism is the belief that original sin did not taint human nature and that mortal will is still capable of choosing good or evil without special Divine aid.***

***Armenians believe:***

***Free Will or Human Ability: although human nature was seriously affected by the fall, man has not been left in a state of total spiritual helplessness. God graciously enables every sinner to repent and believe, but He does not interfere with man’s freedom. Each sinner possesses a free will, and his eternal destiny depends on how he uses it. Man’s freedom consists of his ability to choose good over evil in spiritual matters; his will is not enslaved to his sinful nature. The sinner has the power to either cooperate with God’s Spirit and be regenerated or resist God’s grace and perish. The lost sinner needs the Spirit’s assistance, but he does not have to be regenerated by the Spirit before he can believe, for faith is man’s act and precedes the new birth. Faith is the sinner’s gift to God; it is man’s contribution to salvation.***

How did man fall from a state of innocence?

What happened to all of Adam's posterity when he transgressed the law of God?

What evidence exists to show that Adam acted as a federal representative for all men so that his transgression becomes the transgression of all?

Does salvation remove the propensity to sin?

Are people born sinners and sin as a result, or do people sin and become sinners as a result?

## Definitions:

**Define the covenant of works?** The Covenant of Works, also known as the Edenic Covenant, is the covenant that God had with Adam in the Garden of Eden where Adam would maintain his position with God through his obedience to the command of God to multiply and fill the earth, subdue it, and also not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

**Define sin.** It is breaking the Law of God (1 John 3:4 (NKJV) —Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.). In other words, it is doing what is against God's will. If he says "Do not lie," and you lie, then you have sinned. If he says "Do not steal," and you steal, then you have sinned. And, according to God, sin separates you from him (**Isaiah 59:2 (NKJV) — 2** But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.)

**Define transgression:** an act that goes against a law, rule, or code of conduct; an offense.

**Synonyms:** offense, crime, sin, wrong, wrongdoing, misdemeanor, impropriety, infraction, misdeed, law-breaking; infringement, breach, contravention, violation, defiance, disobedience, nonobservance: "Adam's transgression of God's law".

**Define original sin:** Original sin is known in two senses: the Fall of Adam as the "original" sin and the hereditary fallen nature and moral corruption that is passed down from Adam to his descendants. It is called "original" in that Adam, the first man, is the one who sinned and thus caused sin to enter the world. Even though Eve is the one who sinned first, because Adam is the Federal Head (representative of mankind), his fall included or represented all of humanity. Therefore, some hold that original sin includes the falling of all humanity. Some see original sin as Adam's fallen nature being passed to his descendants. "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned--" (**Romans 5:12 (NKJV) — 12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned).

Original sin is not a physical corruption but a moral and spiritual corruption. It could be compared to the Reformed Doctrine of Total Depravity which states that sin has touched all parts of what a person is: heart, mind, soul, will, thoughts, desires, etc.

There has been much debate over the nature of the sin of Adam and how it affected mankind. Pelagius taught that Adam's sin influenced the human race only as a bad example and that all people are born in the same state as Adam was before his fall. Augustine taught that men inherit natural corruption from Adam.<sup>1</sup>

At the return of Christ and the resurrection of all Christians, the sin nature will be eradicated.

**Total Depravity:** is the doctrine that fallen man is completely touched by sin and that he is completely a sinner. He is not as bad as he could be; but in all areas of his being, body, soul, spirit, mind, emotions, etc., he is touched by sin. In that sense he is totally depraved. Because man is depraved, nothing good can come out of him (Rom. 3:10-12), and God must account the righteousness of Christ to him. This righteousness is obtainable only through faith in Christ and what He did on the cross.

John Calvin taught in his response to Armenianism:

### **Total Inability or Total Depravity**

Because of the fall, man is unable of himself to savingly believe the gospel. The sinner is dead, blind, and deaf to the things of God; his heart is deceitful and desperately corrupt. His will is not free, it is in bondage to his evil nature, therefore, he will not — indeed he cannot — choose good over evil in the spiritual realm. Consequently, it takes much more than the Spirit's assistance to bring a sinner to Christ — it takes regeneration by which the Spirit makes the sinner alive and gives him a new nature. Faith is not something man contributes to salvation but is itself a part of God's gift of salvation— it is God's gift to the sinner, not the sinner's gift to God.

### **The locus classicus concerning the doctrine of sin.**

noun: locus classicus; plural noun: loci classici [Latin, literally 'classical place]

A passage considered to be the best known or most authoritative on a particular subject.

Some will argue Romans 1:18-32 while others Romans 6 & 8.

However, it is generally held by Christians that angels sinned before man though some have held that the fall of the angelic realm did not happen until the devil tempted Eve, which would then make it simultaneous. But, this doesn't seem to be the case. Nevertheless, Adam had not yet fallen in the Garden of Eden when the devil was tempting Eve. Therefore, it would seem logical to say that Satan had fallen well before his entrance into the Garden of Eden. Let's take a look at two important sets of verses that are commonly believed to be about the Devil.

**Ezekiel 28:13–15 (NKJV) — 13** You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. **14** “You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. **15** You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

**Isaiah 14:12–15 (NKJV) — 12** “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! **13** For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; **14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ **15** Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

## The Fall of Man

***The Genesis account of the Fall of man is not a myth or fable, but an historical account. Every mention of the Fall throughout Scripture refers to it as an historical fact.***

God entered into a covenant of works with Adam [implied]). A covenant is an agreement between two or more persons (e.g., **1 Samuel 18:3 (NKJV)** — **3** Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.). When God makes a covenant, He gives a promise to His people and establishes it by His unchangeable Word. (e.g., **Genesis 9:11 (NKJV)** — **11** Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”) Unlike God however, man has broken his promises since the fall.

***In the covenant of works:***

- **Adam was bound to obey God perfectly** (Genesis 2:17 (NKJV) — 17 **but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**”)
- **God promised to reward Adam with life if he obeyed**
- **God threatened to punish Adam with death if he disobeyed [Adam however, did not know what death was].**

*Adam and Eve did not keep the covenant of works. They sinned against God by eating the forbidden fruit*

**Genesis 3:6 (NKJV)** — **6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

***They ate the forbidden fruit because they did not believe what God had said.***

**Genesis 3:9–11 (NKJV)** — **9** Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” **10** So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” **11** And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

***The devil tempted Eve to do this, and she gave the fruit to Adam. (Gen3:1-13);***

**2 Corinthians 11:3 (NKJV)** — **3** But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

**1 Timothy 2:13–14 (NKJV)** — **13** For Adam was formed first, then Eve. **14** And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

***Whose sin was worse? Eve deceived, but Adam was told by God not to eat of the tree and therefore his sin was deliberate. Of course this begs the question – what would have happened if Adam did not take the fruit from Eve? Another Deuteronomy 29:29.***

**James 2:10 (NKJV) — 10** For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

***When they sinned, Adam and Eve were no longer holy and happy. They became sinful and miserable.***

**(Genesis 3:14–24 (NKJV) — 14** So the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. **15** And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.” **16** To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.” **17** Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. **18** Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. **19** In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.” **20** And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. **21** Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. **22** Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”—**23** therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. **24** So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

**Genesis 4:1–24 (NKJV) — 1** Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, “I have acquired a man from the LORD.” **2** Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. **3** And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. **4** Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, **5** but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. **6** So the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? **7** If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.” **8** Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. **9** Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?” **10** And He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground. **11** So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. **12** When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.” **13** And Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can

bear! **14** Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me.” **15** And the LORD said to him, “Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him. **16** Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. **17** And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son—Enoch. **18** To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech. **19** Then Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of one was Adah, and the name of the second was Zillah. **20** And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. **21** His brother’s name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute. **22** And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah. **23** Then Lamech said to his wives: “Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, Even a young man for hurting me. **24** If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.”

**James 1:14–15 (NKJV)** — **14** But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. **15** Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

***Because of Adam's sin, all mankind is born in a state of sin and misery.***

**Psalms 51:5 (NKJV)** — **5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

**Romans 5:12 (NKJV)** — **12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

**Romans 5:18–19 (NKJV)** — **18** Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. **19** For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.

**1 Corinthians 15:21–22 (NKJV)** — **21** For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. **22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

**1 John 5:19 (NKJV)** — **19** We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

***As a result of Adam's sin, we inherit a sinful nature.***

**1 Kings 8:46 (NKJV)** — **46** “When they sin against You (for there is no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to the land of the enemy, far or near;

**Psalm 14:2–3 (NKJV)** — **2** The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God. 3 They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.

**Psalm 58:3 (NKJV)** — **3** The wicked are estranged from the womb; They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.

**Ecclesiastes 9:3 (NKJV)** — **3** This is an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing happens to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

**Matthew 15:18–20 (NKJV)** — **18** But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. 20 These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”

**John 2:24–25 (NKJV)** — **24** But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, **25** and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

**Romans 8:7 (NKJV)** — **7** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

***No one can go to Heaven with this sinful nature. Our hearts must be changed before we are fit for Heaven***

**Titus 3:5–6 (NKJV)** — **5** not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, **6** whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Sin

***Sin is any transgression of the law of God.***

**1 John 3:4 (NKJV)** — **4** Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

**Romans 3:20 (NKJV)** — **20** Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

**James 2:9–11 (NKJV)** — **9** but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. 11 For He who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

***"Transgression" = doing what God forbids***

**1 Samuel 13:8–14 (NKJV)** — **8** Then he waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. 9 So Saul said, “Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me.” And he offered the burnt offering. 10

Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him. 11 And Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered together at Michmash, 12 then I said, 'The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the LORD.' Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering." 13 And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. 14 But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

**1 Samuel 15:22–23 (NKJV)** — 22 So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

**Hosea 6:7 (NKJV)** — 7 "But like men they transgressed the covenant; There they dealt treacherously with Me.

**Romans 1:21–32 (NKJV)** — 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

***Sins of commission***

- *Sins of omission* (James 4:17 (NKJV) — 17 **Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.**)
- *Sins of disposition* (Matthew 5:21–22 (NKJV) — 21 **“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ 22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.**)

**Matthew 5:27–28 (NKJV) — 27** “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ **28** But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

***Every single sin deserves the anger and judgment of God.***

**Deuteronomy 27:26 (NKJV) — 26** ‘Cursed is the one who does not confirm all the words of this law.’ “And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’ ”

**Romans 1:18 (NKJV) — 18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

**Romans 2:2 (NKJV) — 2** But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.

**Galatians 3:10 (NKJV) — 10** For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”

**Ephesians 5:6 (NKJV) — 6** Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

***Every person knows what God requires of us because He has written His law upon our hearts***

**Romans 2:14–15 (NKJV) — 14** for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, **15** who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)

## The Effects of The Fall

### ***1. Adam and Eve lost their righteousness and found themselves with guilt and corruption.***

**Genesis 3:1–24 (NKJV) — 1** Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” **2** And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; **3** but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” **4** Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. **5** For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will

be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” 11 And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?” 12 Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” 13 And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” 14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.” 16 To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.” 17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.” 20 And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. 22 Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”—23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the Garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

**2. *The image of God that they reflected was now distorted and fractured. They no longer had that open communication with God***

**3. *Fellowship between God and man was broken.***

**Isaiah 59:2 (NKJV) — 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.**

***Man now lives in God's disfavor***

**Hosea 9:15 (NKJV) — 15** “All their wickedness is in Gilgal, For there I hated them. Because of the evil of their deeds I will drive them from My house; I will love them no more. All their princes are rebellious.

**Jeremiah 12:8 (NKJV) — 8** My heritage is to Me like a lion in the forest; It cries out against Me; Therefore I have hated it.

**Psalm 5:5 (NKJV) — 5** *The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity.*

**Psalm 11:5 (NKJV) — 5** *The Lord tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates.*

**Wicked men are described as hating God**

**Exodus 20:5 (NKJV) — 5** *you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,*

**Deuteronomy 7:10 (NKJV) — 10** and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face.

**4. Man's environment was cursed.**

**Genesis 3:17–19 (NKJV) — 17** Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. **19** In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”

**5. Adam and Eve were judicially condemned and punished.**

**Genesis 3:24 (NKJV) — 24** So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

**Man now lives under the condemnation, wrath and eventual eternal punishment of God.**

**6. God imputed the first man's sin into all of his descendants.**

*In Finance imputed means to assign (a value) to something by inference from the value of the products or processes to which it contributes.*

*"recovering the initial outlay plus imputed interest"*

*In Theology imputed means to ascribe (righteousness, guilt, etc.) to someone by virtue of a similar quality in another.*

*Adam's sin has been imputed to us. Aren't we glad that Christ's righteousness has been imputed to us*

**Romans 5:12–21 (NKJV)** — **12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—**13** For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. **14** Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. **15** But the free gift is not like the offense. (For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to *many*. **16** And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. **17** For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) **18** Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. **19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience *many* will be made righteous. **20** Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, **21** so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### ***7. Man is left in a desperate and immediate need of divine grace***

**Genesis 3:15 (NKJV)** — **15** And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”

### ***8. Man died. The body ultimately***

**Genesis 2:16–17 (NKJV)** — **16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; **17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

### ***9. Man became enslaved to sin.***

**Romans 6:17 (NKJV)** — **17** But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

**Romans 8:2 (NKJV)** — **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

### ***10. Man is unwilling to face reality.***

**Hebrews 9:27 (NKJV) — 27** And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

“When it comes to the origin of life on this earth, there are only two possibilities: creation or spontaneous generation [evolution]. There is no third way. Spontaneous generation was disproved 100 years ago, but that leads us only one other conclusion; that of supernatural creation. We cannot accept that on philosophical grounds [personal reasons]; therefore, we choose to believe the impossible; that life arose spontaneously by chance.”

Dr. George Wald, winner of the 1967 Nobel Peace Prize in Science.

**Romans 1:25 (NKJV) — 25** who exchanged the truth of God for the lie,

***11. Man began a pattern of denying sin.***

**Genesis 3:11–13 (NKJV) — 11** And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?” **12** Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” **13** And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

***12. Sin deceives a man so that he does not know his own heart.***

**Jeremiah 17:9 (NKJV) — 9** “The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?

**Matthew 7:3 (NKJV) — 3** And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?

***e.g., 2 Samuel 12:1–4 (NKJV) — 1*** Then the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said to him: “There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor. **2** The rich man had exceedingly many flocks and herds. **3** But the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom; and it was like a daughter to him. **4** And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.”

***Nathan was one of David’s sons.***

**2 Samuel 5:14 (NKJV) — 14** Now these are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

***In our opening study on theology we spoke about this a bit wherein***

***We can only live rightly if we think rightly.***

**Proverbs 23:6–7 (NKJV)**

**6** Do not eat the bread of a miser, Nor desire his delicacies; **7** For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. “Eat and drink!” he says to you, But his heart is not with you.

*Wrong thinking leads to wrong actions. The proverb we just read, shows a miser that does not really want to serve you. He is a miser thinking only of the cost of the food, while hypocritically pretending generosity. This miser takes it much further and takes from the poor so as not to give up any of his treasures.*

**2 Samuel 12:5-6 (NKJV)** **5** So David’s anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! **6** And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity.”

*David’s anger seemed to be justified and would have if the preceding events had not taken place.*

**2 Samuel 12:7-12 (NKJV)** **7** Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. **8** I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more! **9** Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. **10** Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ **11** Thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. **12** For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.’ ”

**2 Samuel 12:13-15 (NKJV)** **13** So David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. **14** However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die.” **15** Then Nathan departed to his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah’s wife bore to David, and it became ill.

*Here we see that although David sinned greatly and should have been punished greatly, the Lord’s Mercy and Justice are clearly shown here.*

**13. Man becomes insensitive to sin.**

**1 Timothy 4:2 (NKJV)** — **2** speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

**Romans 1:21 (NKJV)** — **21** because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

***This leaves him unable to empathize with others. However, we are warned about this.***

**Philippians 2:3–5 (NKJV)** — **3** Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. **4** Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. **5** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

**14. Man is self-centered, self-seeking and unwholesomely competitive.**

**James 4:1–2 (NKJV)** — **1** Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? **2** You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

**15. Man rejects authority.**

**Romans 13:1–14 (NKJV)** — **1** Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. **2** Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. **3** For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. **4** For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. **5** Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake. **6** For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing. **7** Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. **8** Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. **9** For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” **10** Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. **11** And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. **12** The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. **13** Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. **14** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

### ***The Natural State of Fallen Man***

**Total Depravity** is one of the Doctrines of Grace. It declares that fallen man is completely touched by sin and that he is completely a sinner. He is not as bad as he could be; but in all areas of his being, body, soul, spirit, mind, emotions, etc., he is touched by sin. In that sense he is totally depraved. Because man is depraved, nothing good can come out of him, and God must

account the righteousness of Christ to him. This righteousness is obtainable only through faith in Christ and what He did on the cross.

**Romans 3:10–12 (NKJV)** — **10** As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; **11** There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. **12** They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.”

**Paul basically quotes: Psalm 14:1–3 (NKJV)** — **1** The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good. **2** The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God. **3** They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.

**Genesis 6:5–6 (NKJV)** — **5** Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **6** And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

**Genesis 8:21 (NKJV)** — **21** And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, “I will never again curse the ground for man’s sake, although the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

**1 Kings 8:46 (NKJV)** — **46** “When they sin against You (for there is no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to the land of the enemy, far or near;

**Psalm 51:5 (NKJV)** — **5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

**Psalm 58:3 (NKJV)** — **3** The wicked are estranged from the womb; They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.

**Psalm 130:3 (NKJV)** — **3** If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

**Psalm 143:2 (NKJV)** — **2** Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous.

**Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NKJV)** — **20** For there is not a just man on earth who does good And does not sin.

**Ecclesiastes 9:3 (NKJV)** — **3** This is an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing happens to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

**Isaiah 53:6 (NKJV)** — **6** All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

**Isaiah 64:6 (NKJV) — 6** But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousness's are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

**Jeremiah 17:9 (NKJV) — 9** "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"

**Luke 11:13 (NKJV) — 13** If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

**John 5:42 (NKJV) — 42** But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.

**Romans 1:29–32 (NKJV) — 29** being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, **30** backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, **31** undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; **32** who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

**Romans 3:9–23 (NKJV) — 9** What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. **10** As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; 11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. 12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one." **13** "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips"; 14 "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways; 17 And the way of peace they have not known." 18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes." 19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. **20** Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. **21** But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, **22** even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Galatians 3:22 (NKJV) — 22** But the Scripture has *confined* all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

**Ephesians 2:1–3 (NKJV) — 1** And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, **2** in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, **3** among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

**Ephesians 4:17–19 (NKJV)** — **17** This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, **18** having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; **19** who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

**1 John 1:8 (NKJV)** — **8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**1 John 1:10 (NKJV)** — **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

**1 John 5:19 (NKJV)** — **19** We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

**Total Inability: Definition: Man is incapable of changing his character or nature or of acting in a way that is distinct from his corruption**

**Jeremiah 13:23 (NKJV)** — **23** Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Then may you also do good who are accustomed to do evil. **[only by the Grace of God]**

**Matthew 7:18 (NKJV)** — **18** A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

**John 3:3 (NKJV)** — **3** Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

**John 3:5 (NKJV)** — **5** Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

**John 6:44 (NKJV)** — **44** No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

**John 6:65 (NKJV)** — **65** And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.”

**John 14:17 (NKJV)** — **17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

**John 15:4–5 (NKJV)** — **4** Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. **5** “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

**Romans 8:7–8 (NKJV)** — **7** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. **8** So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

**1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV) — 14** But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

**1 Corinthians 12:3 (NKJV) — 3** Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

**James 3:8 (NKJV) — 8** But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Real Guilt: Man is "deserving of punishment, for his sin is not only real evil, morally wrong, the violation of God's law, and therefore, undesirable, odious, ugly, disgusting, filthy and ought not to be; it is also the contradiction of God's perfection, cannot but meet with his disapproval and wrath, and damnable in the strongest sense of the word because it dishonors God." (A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith by Dr. Robert Reymond)

### The Christian and Sin

***The Christian's conflict with sin is against the world, the flesh and the devil.***

**1 John 2:16 (NKJV) — 16** For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

***God's provisions for the Christian in this conflict are the Word of God***

**2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NKJV) — 16** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**\*\*\*Psalm 119:9–16 (NKJV) — 9** How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. **10** With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! **11** Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. **12** Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes. **13** With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth. **14** I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches. **15** I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways. **16** I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

### The Prayers of Jesus

**\*\*\*Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV) — 25** Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

**Your homework assignment is to read John 17, the High Priestly Prayer, where Christ Prays for Himself, Christ Prays for His Disciples, and Christ Prays for All Believers. Don't think because you have read and heard it that you don't need to do it. Meditate on how He prays and how His heart is.**

John 17:1–5 (NKJV)

### ***Christ Prays for Himself***

**17** Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, <sup>2</sup> as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 17:6–19 (NKJV)

### ***Christ Prays for His Disciples***

<sup>6</sup> “I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. <sup>8</sup> For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

<sup>9</sup> “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. <sup>10</sup> And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as *We are.* <sup>12</sup> While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

John 17:20–26 (NKJV)

## Christ Prays for All Believers

<sup>20</sup> "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

<sup>21</sup> that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. <sup>22</sup> And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: <sup>23</sup> I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

<sup>24</sup> "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. <sup>26</sup> And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

### And the indwelling of the Holy Spirit

**Romans 8:9 (NKJV)** — **9** But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

**Ephesians 5:18 (NKJV)** — **18** And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

**Galatians 5:16 (NKJV)** — **16** I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

| <b>Jacobus Arminius aka Joseph</b>  | <b>John Calvin's Response</b>   |
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| <p>Arminianism is based on the theological ideas of the Dutch Reformed theologian Jacobus Arminius (1560–1609) and his historic supporters known as the Remonstrants . His teachings held to the five solae of the Reformation, but they were distinct in some ways from particular teachings of Martin Luther, Huldrych Zwingli, John Calvin, and other Protestant Reformers.</p> <p>Remonstrants a member of the Arminian party in the Dutch Reformed Church.</p> | <p>John Calvin French: Jean Calvin, 10 July 1509 – 27 May 1564) was an influential French theologian and pastor during the Protestant Reformation. He was a principal figure in the development of the system of Christian theology later called Calvinism, aspects of which include the doctrine of predestination and the absolute sovereignty of God in salvation of the human soul from death and eternal damnation. In these areas Calvin was influenced by the Augustinian tradition. The Reformed and Presbyterian churches, which look to Calvin as the chief expositor of their beliefs, have spread throughout the world.</p> |
| <p><b>Free Will or Human Ability</b></p> <p>Although human nature was seriously affected by the fall, man has not been left in a state of total spiritual helplessness. God graciously enables every sinner to repent and</p>   | <p><b>Total Inability or Total Depravity</b></p> <p>Because of the fall, man is unable of himself to savingly believe the gospel. The sinner is dead, blind, and deaf to the things of God; his heart is deceitful and desperately corrupt. His</p>   |

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| <p>believe, but He does not interfere with man's freedom. Each sinner possesses a free will, and his eternal destiny depends on how he uses it. Man's freedom consists of his ability to choose good over evil in spiritual matters; his will is not enslaved to his sinful nature. The sinner has the power to either cooperate with God's Spirit and be regenerated or resist God's grace and perish. The lost sinner needs the Spirit's assistance, but he does not have to be regenerated by the Spirit before he can believe, for faith is man's act and precedes the new birth. Faith is the sinner's gift to God; it is man's contribution to salvation.</p> | <p>will is not free, it is in bondage to his evil nature, therefore, he will not — indeed he cannot — choose good over evil in the spiritual realm. Consequently, it takes much more than the Spirit's assistance to bring a sinner to Christ — it takes regeneration by which the Spirit makes the sinner alive and gives him a new nature. Faith is not something man contributes to salvation but is itself a part of God's gift of salvation— it is God's gift to the sinner, not the sinner's gift to God.</p> |
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# RIVERBEND'S TAG CATECHISM

- Q. What was the sin of our first parents?  
A. Eating the forbidden fruit? Eph.6:12
- Q. Why did they eat the forbidden fruit?  
A. Because they did not believe what God had said. Gen3:6
- Q. Who tempted them to this sin?  
A. The devil tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam. Eph6:12
- Q. What happened to our first parents when they had sinned?  
A. Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable. Eph 6: 12.
- Q. What effect had the sin of Adam on all mankind?  
A. All mankind are born in a state of sin and misery. Eph6:13
- Q. What do we inherit from Adam as a result of this original sin?  
A. sinful nature. Eph 6: 13
- Q. What is sin?  
A. Sin is any transgression of the law of God. James2:10
- Q. What is meant by transgression?  
A. Doing what God forbids. John3:4
- Q. What does every sin deserve?  
A. The wrath and curse of God. Romans 1:18
- Q. Do we know what God requires of us?  
A. Yes; He has given us His law both in our hearts and in writing. Romans 2: 15