

The Sin of Adam

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I. The Sin of Adam

A. Introduction: What would the world be like if Adam and Eve had never sinned?

1. The garden – Gen. 2:5-9, 15

- a) Gardening woes
- b) Orchard woes

2. BCC question from Musa Odury in Kenya, Africa:

- a) **When Adam sinned and the human race became cursed by death, sickness and toil they fell short of God's glory. But when Christ came He redeemed us. Why is it that we are not restored to our original nature without death, sickness, toil and with the glory that we had first?**

3. The Sin of Adam and its consequences

II. How Adam's sin affected Adam and Eve (Gen 3)

A. Fellowship with God lost – Gen 3:8-9

B. Sickness, pain, sorrow – Gen. 3:16

C. Cursed earth – unproductive, much labor to produce food, etc. – Gen. 3:17-19

D. Physical death – Gen 3:19

E. No access to tree of life - Gen 3:22-24

III. How Adam's sin affects the creation Rom 8

A. Cursed earth – Gen. 3:17-19

B. Vanity/Futility (Eccl)

C. Innocent creation suffers with sinful man (Exo 9:1-6; Jer 14:1-7)

D. Longing for release (Rom 8:19-23)

IV. How Adam's sin affects Man (Rom 5)

A. Physical consequences:

1. Continued physical death Rom 5:12

B. Spiritual consequences Rom. 5:18-19 (focus on these)

1. Not inherited guilt

Sinners are only punished for their own sins! (Eze 18:20;)

Children are innocent! Jer. 19:4-6

2. Not inherited sinful nature (Luk 18:15-17)

- Are unborn children human? If yes, they are sin. – FROM message board post
- Quote from book – The Five Points of Calvinism Defined, Defended and Documented, by David Steele and Curtis Thomas
 - o Definition of 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 desparately 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 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. 16)
 - o Augustine’s Confessions - Who brings to remembrance the sins of my infancy? For in thy sight there is none free from sin, not even the **infant** who has lived but a day upon this earth. Who brings this to my remembrance? Does not each little one, in whom I now observe what I no longer remember of myself? In what ways, in that time, did I sin? Was it that I cried for the breast? If I should now so cry-- not indeed for the breast, but for food suitable to my condition--I should be most justly laughed at and rebuked. What I did then deserved rebuke but, since I could not understand those who rebuked me, neither custom nor common sense permitted me to be rebuked. As we grow we root out and cast away from us such childish habits. Yet I have not seen anyone who is wise who cast away the good when trying to purge the bad. Nor was it good, even in that time, to strive to get by crying what, if it had been given me, would have been hurtful; or to be bitterly indignant at those who, because they were older--not

slaves, either, but free--and wiser than I, would not indulge my capricious desires. Was it a good thing for me to try, by struggling as hard as I could, to harm them for not obeying me, even when it would have done me harm to have been obeyed? Thus, the **infant's** innocence lies in the weakness of his body and not in the **infant** mind. I have myself observed a baby to be jealous, though it could not speak; it was livid as it watched another **infant** at the breast.

As in Adam, all die... 1 Cor 15:22

Text

Adam & Eve: Gen 1-3
 Jacob & Esau: Rom 9:11
 Jesus: Isa 7:15-16
 Apostle Paul: Rom 7:9-11
 King of Tyre: Ezek 28:15
 All men: Eccl 7:29

Newborn, innocent & alive

Didn't know good from evil
 Don't know good from evil
 Didn't know good from evil
 "Once alive"
 "Blameless from creation"
 God made men upright

Sinner, guilty &

Ate forbidden fruit
 When they sin again
 Jesus never sinned
 "sin killed me"
 "until sin found in hi
 They sought out dev

Like Adam, each man is born in the "Garden" and is cast out when h

- o From Steve Rudd's website: <http://www.bible.ca/cal-T-refutation.htm>
- o You cannot be raised to walk in new life spiritually, if you are not dead spiritually. And you cannot die spiritually if you have never been alive spiritually!
- o You cannot be reconciled to God if you never were "conciled" in the first place!
- o How did one man's disobedience lead all to all being sinners? All sinned! Rom. 5:12

3. Certainly a fleshly body that has no respect for right and wrong

Starting from birth

4. Certainly a world marred by sin, filled with sin and that leads to, tempts to and encourages sin

V. Redemption through Christ addressing the consequences of sin

A. Spiritual (Rom 8:14-17; Rom 5:6-9)

1. Addresses fellowship with God
2. Fellowship restored and full fellowship promised

B. Physical (Rom 8:11, 18; Rom 5:3-5)

1. Addresses physical death, sickness and suffering
2. Physical curse is not immediately removed in Christ
3. Eternal life promised after the grave

VI. Blessings fully restored in heaven Rev 21-22

Everything that Adam lost through sin we have pictured as restored in John's revelation of heaven.

- A. It is a new heaven and a new earth (Rev 21:1).
- B. God dwells there in the midst of men (Rev. 21:3)
- C. Tears, death, sickness and pain are no more (Rev 21: 4)
- D. The tree of life is there (Rev 22:2)
- E. There is no longer any curse (Rev. 22:3)
- F. That's where I want to be! How about you?

VII. Invitation (Rev. 22:12-17)