

The Sin of Adam

Question from a Bible Correspondence Student

“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?”

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- Its Consequences
 - For Adam and Eve
 - For Creation
 - For All Mankind
- The Solution for All Sin
 - Provided by Christ
 - Fully Realized in Heaven

The Consequences for Adam and Eve

- Fellowship with God lost (Gen. 3:8-9)
- Pain, sorrow and sickness (Gen. 3:16)
- Cursed earth (Gen. 3:17-19)
 - Increased toil
 - Wasted energy
- Physical death (Gen. 3:19)
- Tree of Life lost (Gen. 3:22-24)

The Consequences for Creation

- Cursed and unproductive (Gen. 3:17-19)
- Vanity/Futility (Ecclesiastes)
- Innocent creation suffers with sinful man (Exo. 9:1-6; Jer. 14:1-7)
- Longing for deliverance (Rom. 8:19-23)

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Total Depravity Defined

“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 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 Five Points of Calvinism Defined, Defended and Documented, by David Steele and Curtis Thomas, p. 16)

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Ezekiel 18:20

20 The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

Jeremiah 19:4-6 NKJV

"Because they have forsaken Me and made this an alien place, because they have burned incense in it to other gods whom neither they, their fathers, nor the kings of Judah have known, and have filled this place with **the blood of the innocents** 5 (they have also built the high places of Baal, **to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings to Baal**, which I did not command or speak, nor did it come into My mind), 6 therefore behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "that this place shall no more be called Tophet or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter.

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15 Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

16 But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

17 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

1 Corinthians 15:22 NASB

22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ
all will be made alive.

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Romans 9:10-11 NASB

And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac; 11 for though the twins were not yet born and **had not done anything good or bad**, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls,

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Jesus: Isa. 7:15-16	Didn't know good from evil	Jesus NEVER sinned!

Isaiah 7:14-16 NKJV

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. 15 Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may **know to refuse the evil and choose the good**. 16 For before the Child shall **know to refuse the evil and choose the good**, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings.

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I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. 11 For **sin**, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it **killed me.**

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Ezekiel 28:15 NASB

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

The Solution for All Sin: Provided by Christ

- Spiritual Consequences (Rom 8:14-17;
Rom 5:6-9)
 - Fellowship with God
 - Full Fellowship Promised
- Physical Consequences (Rom 8:11, 18;
Rom 5:3-5)
 - Death no longer a threat
 - Suffering now has purpose
 - Death and suffering will one day be finished

The Solution for All Sin: Fully Realized in Heaven

- **New heaven and a new earth (Rev 21:1)**
- **God dwells with men (Rev. 21:3)**
- **No more tears, death, sickness or pain (Rev 21:4)**
- **The tree of life (Rev 22:2)**
- **No more curse (Rev. 22:3)**

That is where I want to be!
How about you?