

Christian Theology

Week 8



Doctrine of Humanity II:
The Doctrine of Sin



Original Sin

The famous apologist C. S. Lewis said his most difficult book to write was the *Screwtape Letters*, because he said, sin is so banal [or lacking originality, freshness or novelty].



Fall of Humanity

- Adam & Eve are real, historical people who committed a particular sin that effects all of humankind.
 - Romans 5:12-21:
 - ¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned -



Fall of Humanity

- God's Command
 - Genesis 2:15-17
 - Genesis 3:1-6
- The First Couple's Disobedience
 - Serpent's Deceitful Temptation
 - Woman's Reasonings & Disobedience
 - Man's Passivity



Fall of Humanity

- The Immediate Result
 - Experience of Nakedness and Shame
 - Genesis 3:7
 - The Desire to Hide from God
 - Genesis 3:8



Fall of Humanity

- God Seeking and Judging
 - God Seeks & Questions Man – Gen. 3:9-13
 - God Judges the Serpent – Gen. 3:14-15
 - God Judges the Woman – Gen. 3:16
 - God Judges the Man – Gen. 3:17-20
 - God Provides for Nakedness – Gen. 3:21
 - God Banishes Adam & Eve – Gen. 3:22-24



Fall of Humanity

- Persistence of the Image of God after the fall
 - Genesis 9:6-7
 - James :9
- Removal of the Image of God after the fall
 - Romans 8:29
 - 1 Corinthians 15:49
 - 2 Corinthians 4:4
 - Colossians 1:15; 3:10



Doctrine of Sin

- Defining Sin:

- Sin is an violation of the perfect holiness of God.
- 1 John 3:4 "Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness."
- Romans 3:23 "...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,..."



Doctrine of Sin

- Old Testament Terms:
 - “To miss the mark” – Exodus 20:20
 - “Evil or ruin” – Genesis 38:7
 - “Going astray” – Numbers 15:22
- New Testament Terms:
 - “To miss the mark” – Romans 5:12
 - “moral evil” – Hebrews 3:12
 - “lawlessness” – 1 John 3:4



Sin and the Human Person

- Sin Infects the Core of Our Being
 - Mark 7:14-23; Matthew 12:23-37
 - Romans 7:18; Ephesians 2:3
 - Jeremiah 17:9
 - Romans 12:21; 1 Timothy 6:5
 - 1 Corinthians 2:14; 4:4; Romans 8:7-8
 - Titus 3:3
 - John 3:19; 8:34
 - Romans 6:16-17; 20; 2 Peter 2:19



Sin and the Human Person

- Sin Perverts Goodness
 - Romans 7:8-11
- Sin is Universal
 - Romans 3:23
 - 1 Kings 8:46; Psalm 143:2
 - Romans 3:10-12

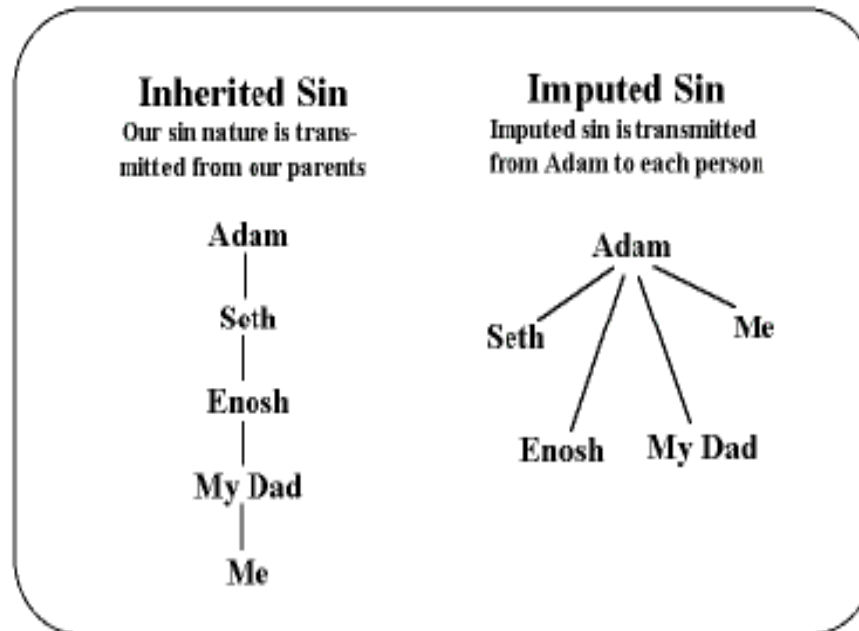


Sin and the Human Person

- The Origin of Sin
 - Not in God but in Satan
 - Ezekiel 28:15
 - 2 Peter 2:4
 - In Humanity: Through Adam & Eve
 - Genesis 3:6
 - Romans 5:15
 - Acts 17:26

Sin and the Human Person

- Transmission of Sin Throughout the Entire Human Family





Sin and the Human Person

- Inherited Sin:
 - The idea that we are in a sinful and guilty state because of Adam's sin. This state is transmitted through the generations.
 - Also called the "sin nature" (in that sin affects our total being) and "original sin" (emphasizing the corrupting nature of Adam's sin that we each inherit).
 - Total depravity: we are as "bad off" as we can be because we have a totally sinful bent.



Sin and the Human Person

- Imputed Sin:

- “Imputation” means putting to someone else’s account that which may or may not be theirs.
- Imputed sin is the idea that Adam’s sin is passed directly to us rather than through succeeding generations.
 - Romans 5:12
 - Hebrews 7:9-10