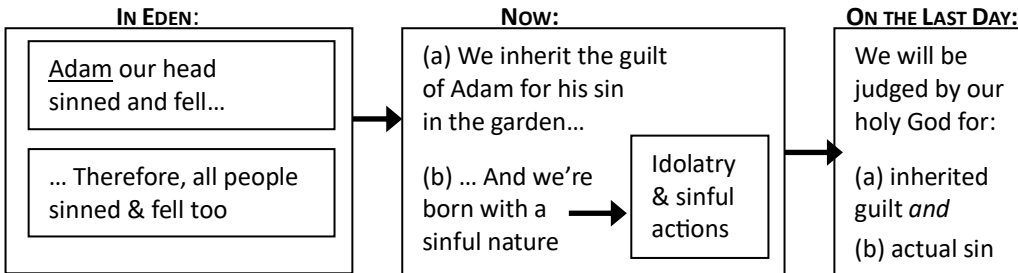


5. Application: sin is SO sinful... only God can save me

Jesus saves! - session 1



I am more wicked than I ever realised, and...

Sin is much more than just our actions

NOT: sins → sinful nature

BUT: sinful nature → sins

God must save and God alone.

John 6:44, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day."

1. Why do we need to be saved?

Romans 1:16-32

Discuss while waiting to begin

"People are basically good." True? False? Not sure?

1. What is sin?

(a) Key Bible words for "sin"

Missing the mark... Guilt... Rebellion against a King

Exodus 34:7, Jeremiah 2:13, Mark 7:20-22, Romans 14:23, Hebrews 3:12, 1 John 3:4

(b) Key Bible concept: idolatry

Romans 1:18-25

Discuss this passage:

- How can we tell that God is angry at human sin?
- Why is God angry?
- Describe the different dimensions of human sin.

2. How does sin affect us?

(a) sin is found in every person

Romans 3:10-12, 1 John 1:8-10, 1 Kings 8:46

(b) sin infects *every part* of every person: "total depravity"

Romans 8:7-8, "the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God."

Jeremiah 17:9, "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"

(c) therefore we are unable to save ourselves.

total depravity → total inability

"the bondage of the will"

Ephesians 2:1, "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins"

John 8:34, "... everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin."

John 8:44, "You are of your father the devil, and your *will* is to do your father's desires."

3. Where does sin come from?

Adam: "original sin."

Romans 5:19, "For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous."

Adam = the covenant head of the human race
God deals with all people "in Adam"

4. How does God respond to sin?

Hebrews 1:9, "You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness."

Psalms 5:5, "you hate all who do wrong."

Ephesians 2:3, "Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath."

John 3:36, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."