

5. The fall, sin, and God's judgement

Recap: where are we?!

Foundations

1. Of the Holy Scripture
2. Of God, and of the Holy Trinity

The decrees of God

3. Of God's Eternal Decree
4. Of Creation
5. Of Providence

Sin & the saviour

6. Of the Fall of Man, of Sin, and its Punishment
7. Of God's Covenant with Man
8. Of Christ the Mediator

Salvation

9. Of Free Will
10. Of Effectual Calling
11. Of Justification
12. Of Adoption
13. Of Sanctification
14. Of Saving Faith
15. Of Repentance unto Life
16. Of Good Works
17. Of the Perseverance Of the Saints
18. Of Assurance Of Grace and Salvation

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1. Our first parents, being seduced by the subtlety and temptation of Satan, sinned in eating the forbidden fruit. God was pleased to permit this sin of theirs, according to his wise and holy counsel, because his purpose was, through it, to glorify himself.

2. By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin and wholly defiled in all the parts and faculties of soul and body.

3. Since they were the root of all mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed to—and the same death in sin and corrupted nature were conveyed to—all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation.

The Fall

Genesis 3 = our story: "God's neither good nor trustworthy..."

Not a shock to God.
His plan... for His glory, Romans 11:32

Fallenness

no longer holy...
no communion with God...
dead
total depravity...
& therefore total inability / bondage of the will

Genesis 3:8, Eccles. 7:29, Jeremiah 17:9,
Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:1

The Gospel! 1 Timothy 1:15-16

The root of all mankind

Paras 1-2 = the fall of Adam and Eve
Paras 3-4 = OUR fall into sin...

Adam is "covenant head" of all humanity...
Romans 5:19

Imputation of sin & guilt
To all Adam's children (with one
exception...)

Psalm 51:5-6

4. From this original corruption, by which we are utterly disinclined, disabled, and antagonistic to all that is good and wholly inclined to all that is evil, all actual transgressions proceed.

5. During this life, this corruption of nature remains in those who are regenerated. Even though it is pardoned and put to death through Christ, yet both this corruption of nature and all its expressions are in fact really sin.

6. Every sin—both original and actual—is a transgression of the righteous law of God and contrary to it. Therefore, every sin in its own nature brings guilt upon the sinner, on account of which he is bound over to the holy wrath of God and the curse of the law. Consequently, he is subject to death, with all miseries—spiritual, temporal, and eternal.

Sin and sins

NOT: I sin, therefore I'm a sinner

BUT: I'm a sinner, therefore I sin

Utterly... wholly inclined

Romans 3:10-12, Ephesians 2:2-3

Salvation! Praise Him!

- 100% His work
- For the Second Adam

Remaining corruption

Can you be a Christian and a sinner? YES

Proverbs 20:9, "Who can say 'I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin'?"

Romans 7:23

1 John 1:8-10

Deserved guilt and wrath

Sin = against God's Law

➔ The law's curse...

➔ and God's wrath

True of ALL sin

(vs. Catholic distinction between "mortal" and "venial" sins)

Until saved: only misery – e.g. Matthew 25:41

Postscript

Our Saviour bore our sin and guilt...

His Gospel will free us from the power and presence of sin

Personal response: for what should we give thanks... confess... pray?