

Chapter 6. Of the Fall of Man, of Sin, and of the Punishment Thereof:

Points of Discussion

1. The Fall
2. Adam Represented the Human Race
3. Original Sin
4. All Committed Sin Results From Original Sin
5. Those Who Are Regenerated Still Have a Corrupted Nature

1. The Fall

God created humans upright and perfect, and he gave them a righteous law that would have resulted in life if they had kept it, but threatened death if they broke it. **1** However, they did not remain in this honored position for long. Satan used the subtlety of the serpent to trick Eve, who then seduced Adam. Without any compulsion, Adam willfully disobeyed the law written in his heart (of their creation) and God's command by eating the forbidden fruit. **2** God was pleased, according to his wise and holy counsel, to permit this because he had planned to use Adam's sin for his own glory.

1. Genesis 2:16-17
2. Genesis 3:12-13; 2 Corinthians 11:3

2. Adam Represented the Human Race

Because of this sin, our first parents fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and we fell with them. In this way, death came to all. **3** All became dead in sin **4** and completely corrupt in all the capabilities and parts of the soul and body. **5**

3. Romans 3:23
4. Romans 5:12, etc.
5. Titus 1:15; Genesis 6:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:10-19

3. Original Sin

By God's decree, Adam and Eve represented the entire human race. The guilt of their sin was imputed and their corrupted nature was passed on to all of their offspring who descend from them by normal procreation. **6**

Humans are now:

- conceived in sin **7**
- by nature children of wrath **8**

- servants of sin
- the subjects of death [9](#)
- and all other miseries, spiritual, temporal, and eternal unless the Lord Jesus sets them free. [10](#)

6. Romans 5:12-19; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 45, 49

7. Psalms 51:5; Job 14:4

8. Ephesians 2:3

9. Romans 6:20, 5:12

10. Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 Thessalonians 1:10

4. All Committed Sin Results From Original Sin

Original sin—which causes us to be completely completely against, disabled, and hostile to all good, as well as completely inclined towards evil— [11](#) is the source of all committed sin. [12](#)

11. Romans 8:7; Colossians 1:21

12. James 1:14-15; Matthew 15:19

5. Those Who Are Regenerated Still Have a Corrupted Nature

Those who are regenerated still have a corrupted nature. [13](#) Although, through Christ, it is pardoned and put to death, this corrupted nature and all sinful actions that result from it are still truly and actually sin. [14](#)

13. Romans 7:18, 23; Ecclesiastes 7:20; 1 John 1:8

14. Romans 7:23-25; Galatians 5:17