

# Heritage OPC: Sunday School

## *Westminster Larger Catechism*

Q 27. *What misery did the fall bring upon mankind?*

A. The fall brought upon mankind the loss of communion with God,<sup>a</sup> his displeasure and curse;<sup>b</sup> so as we are by nature children of wrath,<sup>c</sup> bond slaves to Satan,<sup>d</sup> and justly liable to all punishments in this world, and that which is to come.<sup>e</sup>

- a. Gen 3:8, 10, 24; Jn 8:34, 42, 44; Eph 2:12
- b. Gen 3:16-19; Job 5:7; Eccl 2:22-23; Rom 8:18-23
- c. Eph 2:2-3; Jn 3:36; Rom 1:18; Eph 5:6
- d. 2 Tim 2:26
- e. Gen 2:17; Lam 3:39; Rom 6:23; Matt 25:41, 46; Jude 7

### Divine Misery

- 1. Loss of Communion With God
  - a. Deut 5: 1-5, Ex 3:7
  - b. Moses begins to restore communion – Ex 33:5, 7-16
    - i. Verbal
    - ii. Physical
  - c. Jesus' Role – Eph 2:12-13
- 2. God's Displeasure - 1 Chron 21:1-17
  - a. Just
  - b. Requires divine action
  - c. Demonstrates divine mercy
  - d. Points to Christ
- 3. Curse
  - a. see previous notes

### Personal Misery

- 1. Children of Wrath – Eph 2:3
  - a. Not everyone is a child of God
  - b. Jn 8:42-44
- 2. Slaves to Satan
  - a. Jn 8:34-36
  - b. Rom 6:17-18, 22-23
  - c. Slavery to Christ is true Freedom
    - i. Master has changed
    - ii. Nature has changed
    - iii. Desire has changed
    - iv. Experience Peace & Eternal Life
- 3. Liable to All Punishment
  - a. God is Just – Deut 32:4
  - b. Punishment vs. Discipline vs. Consequences
    - i. Consequence – the result or effect of an action
    - ii. Discipline – the loving correction of God the Father for His child's benefit
    - iii. Punishment – a punitive action taken by God against measures of injustice