

Salvation

The Sovereign Grace of our Triune God

”In Adam All Died”

Romans 5:12-21

Lesson 3

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The Sovereign God

God the Creator!

Man and Sin

The Fall of Adam

Original Sin

Total Depravity

God the Father

The Grace of God

Election

God the Son

The Incarnation of the Son of God

The Death of Christ

The High Priestly Ministry of Christ

The Return of Christ

God the Holy Spirit

The New Birth

The Indwelling Spirit

The Evangelist

Preach the Gospel!

In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth

- ▶ Establishes the sovereignty of God over creation
 - “Because God is sovereign, God’s authority can be taken only on God’s authority.” (Gordon Clark)
 - Genesis 14:19 “Possessor of heaven and earth”
 - Habakkuk 2:20 All creatures obligated to worship and thank
- ▶ The creation account is a point of controversy
 - Facts, interpretation, speculation
- ▶ Human wisdom v. God’s Word
 - No proper understanding that excludes the Creator.
 - Romans 11:33-36 – unsearchable judgments and inscrutable ways
- ▶ The Biblical account settles the issue
 - Creation is theocentric
 - 2 Peter 3:3-7 – three Divine interventions

Sin of Adam

- ▶ The historical record – Genesis 3
- ▶ The test of faith
- ▶ The sin of Adam – independent judgment
- ▶ The death of Adam
 - Immediate
 - Mediate
- ▶ A word of hope
 - The seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15)
 - Clothing and eviction

How did Adam's sin affect the human race?

- ▶ The doctrine of original sin
- ▶ The doctrine of total depravity

The New England Primer

The New England Primer introduced colonial children to their ABC's by means of pictures and rhymes such as these.



In Adam's fall
We sinned all,

Thy life to mend,
This Book attend.

The Cat doth play,
And after slay.

A Dog will bite
A thief at night.

An Eagle's flight
Is out of sight.

The idle Fool
Is whipt at school.



As runs the Glass,
Man's life doth pass.

My Book and Heart
Shall never part.

Job feels the rod,
And blesses God.

Proud Korah's troops
Were swallowed up.

The Lion bold
The lamb doth hold.

The Moon shines bright
In time of night.

The New England Primer



Nightingales sing
In time of spring.

The sturdy Oak, it was
the tree,
That saved his royal ma-
jesty.

Peter denies
His Lord, and cries.

Queen Esther comes in
royal state,
To save the Jews from
dismal fate.

Rachel doth mourn
For her first born.

Samuel anoints
Whom God appoints.



Time cuts down all,
Both great and small.

Uriah's lovely wife
Made David seek his life.

Whales in the sea
God's voice obey.

Xerxes the great did die,
And so must you and I.

Youth's forward slips
Death soonest nips.

Zaccheus did climb the
tree,
His Lord to see.

*The Bible provided the
inspiration for many of
the rhymes, which often
began with a different
letter of the alphabet.*

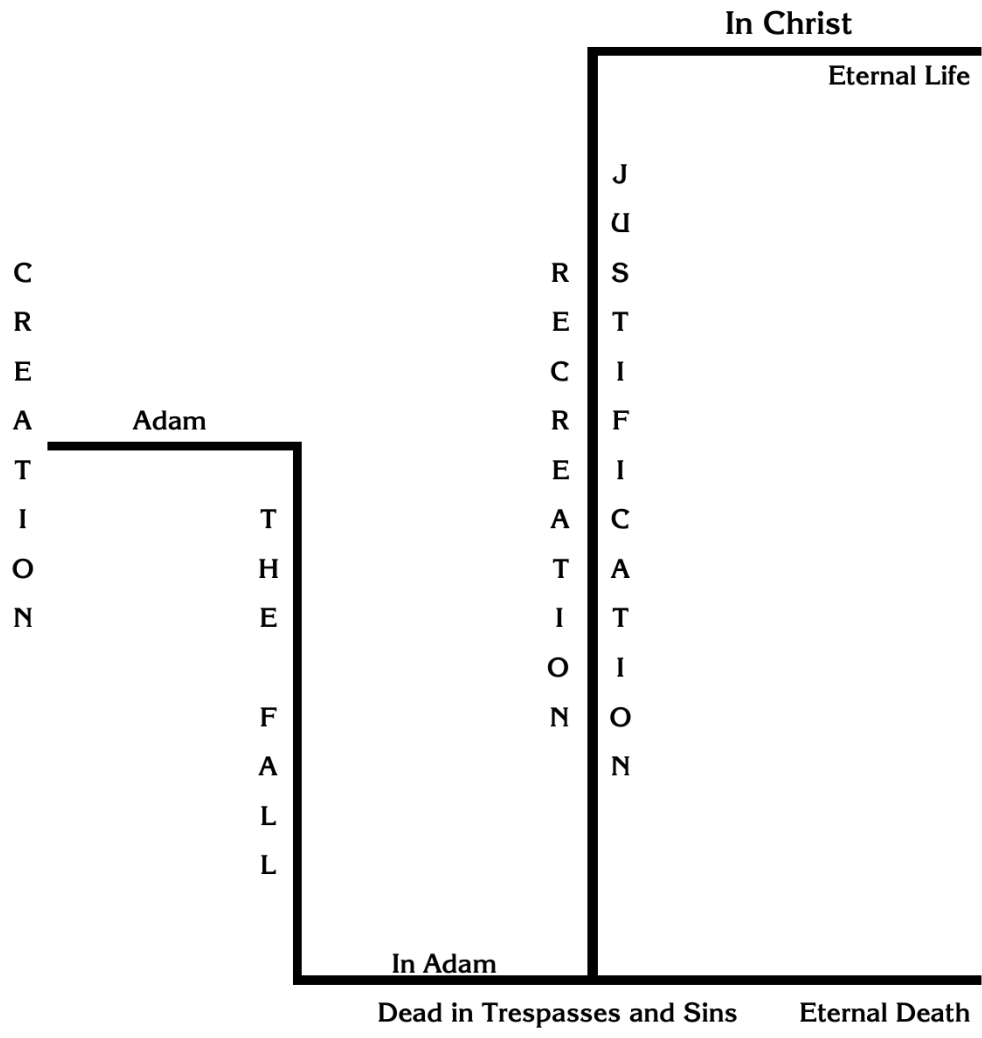
Original Sin

Original sin, then, may be defined as an hereditary corruption and depravity of our nature, extending to all the parts of the soul, which first makes us obnoxious to the wrath of God, and then produces in us works which in Scripture are termed works of the flesh. – John Calvin

Original Sin

- ▶ Calvinist: Sin of Adam immediately imputed to the whole human race so that the entire race is depraved and guilty.
- ▶ Arminian: Adam's sin resulted in a proneness to sin but no actual guilt.
- ▶ Pelagian: No connection between the sin of Adam and the character and actions of his descendants. All humans are born as pure as Adam before the fall.

Three States of Man



Original Sin Denied

- ▶ No amount of hype or theological double-talk changes the fact this whole concept is immoral and unjust. Punishing millions of people for the acts of one is irrational. The concept of Original Sin is unsupported in the Jewish scriptures. (Lewis Loflin)

Original Sin Denied

- ▶ Man's convictions of justice – “It’s not fair!”
- ▶ The death of infants
- ▶ The “age of accountability”
- ▶ The idea of free moral agency

Original Sin Denied

- ▶ Ecclesiastes 7:29
- ▶ Genesis 6:12; 8:21; Deuteronomy 32:5; Psalm 14:1-3; 53:1-3; Romans 3:23
- ▶ Deuteronomy 24:16
- ▶ Jeremiah 31:29-30
- ▶ Ezekiel 18:1-32

The Biblical Doctrine of Original Sin

- ▶ Genesis 5:3
- ▶ Exodus 20:5 – Numbers 14:18
- ▶ Leviticus 12
- ▶ Job 14:4
- ▶ Psalm 51:5
- ▶ Psalm 58:3
- ▶ Jeremiah 17:9 – heart is deceitful

The Biblical Doctrine of Original Sin

- ▶ Ephesians 2:3 – children of wrath by nature
- ▶ Romans 3:9-10 – all under sin
- ▶ Romans 7:22-24 – law of sin in my members
- ▶ Romans 8:7-9 – in the flesh, not please God
- ▶ Hebrews 7:9-10 – Levi in Abraham

The Biblical Doctrine of Original Sin

Romans 5:12

- ▶ Sin came into the world through one man, Adam
- ▶ Death came into the world through the sin of Adam
- ▶ Death spread to all men because all sinned.
- ▶ “In Adam’s fall, we sinned all.”

The Biblical Doctrine of Original Sin

- ▶ Specific sins are not the issue (5:13-14)
 - Romans 3:20 – by the Law comes the knowledge of sin
 - Death reigned from Adam to Moses – sin not defined by Law
 - Death without a repeat of the sin of Adam
- ▶ Three statements of this doctrine (5:15-17)
 - One man's trespass caused many to die
 - Judgment of one man's trespass brought condemnation
 - One man's trespass caused death to reign

The Biblical Doctrine of Original Sin

- ▶ Adam's sin brought condemnation and death
 - Individual sins or each person are not the issue (5:14, 16, 19)
 - Judgment and condemnation (KRIMA and KATAKRIMA)
 - Romans 1:18f – sins are God's judgment for a depraved mind
 - John 3:18-19, 36 – love of darkness; wrath of God
 - Condemnation is not just a declaration but an act of judgment (2 Peter 2:6; Jude 4; Romans 5:16, 18; 8:1)
- ▶ Adam's sin brought spiritual death and physical death
- ▶ “In Adam's fall, we sinned all.”

The Biblical Doctrine of Original Sin

Romans 5:18-21

- ▶ One trespass led to condemnation of all men
- ▶ One man's disobedience made many to be sinners
- ▶ Sin reigned through death – death came by sin.

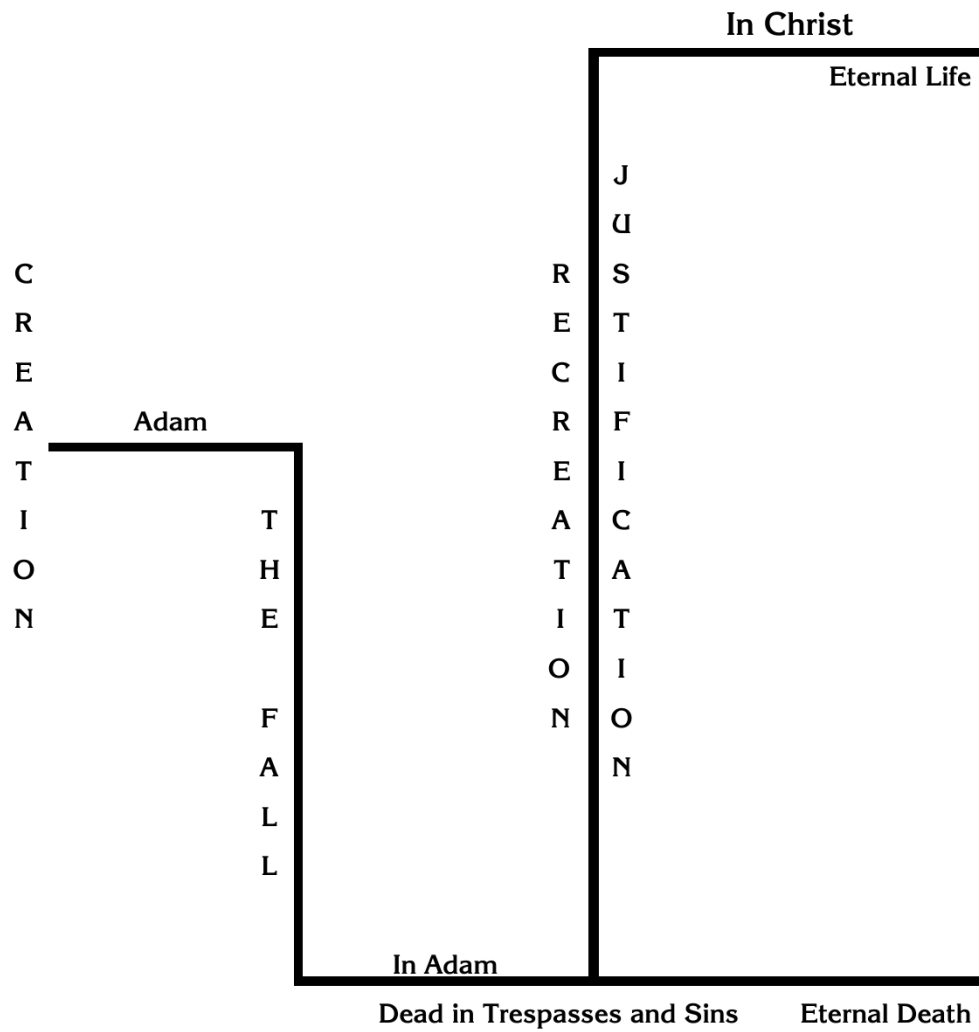
The Justice of God

“Adam’s sin, then, we acknowledge to be ours, not because a similar thing would be just among men, but because God, the just God, testifies that it is so; and we know that the righteous God will do righteously. To submit in this way is rational; to submit on the ground of understanding the justice of the thing, is to pretend to understand what is incomprehensible, and to rest faith on a fallacy, namely, that the ground of the imputation of Adam’s sin is of the same nature with human transactions.” – Haldane

The Glory of the Doctrine

- ▶ Saved by Christ's life (5:10; 6:3-4)
- ▶ Adam is a type of Christ (5:14)
- ▶ “Much more” and “abundance”
- ▶ The excellence of life in Christ
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:21-24

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The Biblical Doctrine of Original Sin

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments
and how inscrutable His ways!

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
To Him be glory forever.

Romans 11:33, 36