Essential Doctrines

of the Faith Series (Part 5)

“tHE fALL: god’ S JUDGEMENT”

Answering the questions:

1. Where did sin begin? (gENESIS 3: 1-24)

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

“1 He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You[a] shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” 4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise,[b] she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool[c] of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”[d] 10 And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” 11 He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” 12 The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

14 The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring[e] and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

16 To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to[f] your husband, but he shall rule over you.”

17 And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you,‘ You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken;

for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”20 The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.[g] 21 And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

22 Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” 23 therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.”

2. What is Sin?

* Everything that is NOT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is sin.

SIN INCLUDES:

* Omission: \_\_\_\_\_\_ doing what you are supposed to do.
* Commission: Doing what you should NOT do.
* Wrong thoughts, words & motives.
* Godlessness: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God.
* Idolatry: making a good thing a God thing.
* Breaking laws: God’s and man’s.
* Violating your own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Perversion: using a good thing for sinful purposes.
* Pollution: taking something good and adding evil.
* Building you identity on anyone or anything other than Jesus.

3. IS ALL SIN EQUAL? > Yes and No.

“48 Therefore you shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Matthew 5: 48

“10 For whoever keeps the whole Law, yet stumbles in one point, has become guilty of all.” James 2:10

“Though all sin is equal, not all sin has equal . . . \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

4. HOW DOES ADAM’S SIN AFFECT ME PERSONALLY?

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men[e] because all sinned— 13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. 17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

18 Therefore, as one trespass[f] led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness[g] leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. 20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

a. There are two humanities: those under \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

& those under \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

b. All of humanity has a sin nature from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Psalm 51:5

“The wicked are estranged from the womb. They go astray from birth speaking lies. Psalm 58:3

“We are by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.” Ephesians 2:3

5. WHAT ARE SOME ‘SINFUL VIEWS’ OF SIN?

a. Thinking that sin is just the “breaking of some \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

b. Not taking personal sin seriously.

c. Living in fear of “believing wrongly.”

d. Reducing sin to mere \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the heart.

e. Reducing sin to lighthearted “fun.”

f. Defining sin as ONLY that which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ others.

g. It’s only a sin if you get caught, and ‘secret sin’ doesn’t count.

h. A majority makes an act righteous.

i. Making everything into a sin.

6. WHAT ARE SOME SINFUL RESPONSES TO SIN?

a. Minimizing sin.

b. Claiming to have special circumstances that justify sin.

c. Blame Shifting. (It’s actually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s fault.)

d. Diversion. (Changing the subject)

e. Partial Confession.

f. Worldly sorrow. (Only feeling bad about the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sin.)

g. Excuse making.

h. Victimization.

i. Mere \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, without repentance.

j. Not taking sin seriously.

The right response to sin is always repentance!