

The Fall (Adam & Eve)
Genesis 3:1-24

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“I’ve fallen and I can’t get up.”—Life Call Commercial

“I have fallen but I think I can make it on my own.”—The Fall

- Perfect Paradise** Genesis 1:26, 31; 2:15-16, 25
 - Physical (Garden, no death)
 - Spiritual (innocence, no shame)
 - Relational (Divine, human, world)
- The Deed** (Rebellion, and death)
 - Temptation and sin Genesis 3:1-6
- Results**
 - Naked and ashamed Genesis 3:7
 - Hiding from God Genesis 3:8-11
 - Confession, guilt, and finger pointing Genesis 3:12
- Judgment**
 - Serpent Genesis 3:14-15
 - Woman Genesis 3:16
 - Adam (man) Genesis 3:17-19
- Redemption**
 - Mother of all living Genesis 3:20
 - Clothed with animal covering Gen. 3:21
 - Protection until Full Redemption comes Genesis 3:22-24

The Fall describes...

1. The Original Fall

Original Sin _____

The Fall describes...

2. A Universal Fall

4 Sides of Total Depravity (Isaiah 53:6, Romans 3:10, 3:23)

1. Corruption is at very center of our being (heart) but our humanity continues to exist.
2. Every part of our being is infected, but is not evenly distributed.
 Pockets of good exist here and there.
3. Sinful humanity totally unable to please God or come to God unless moved by grace.
4. Universal corruption of all cultures, although some manifest it more than others.

Imago dei, (Image of God) _____

Religiosity is the spiritual form of sin.

Isaiah 64:6, "All our righteous acts are like filthy rags."

The Fall includes...

3. A Personal Fall

How original sin affects us, today.

1. Adam's sin is a representative sin, pre-history but universal history.
2. We can avoid particular sins but cannot escape the taint of sin.
3. Not a biological taint but a spiritual contagion which in some inexplicable way is passed on through biological generation.
4. We are unable to come to God on our own free will.
5. We cannot blame Adam, Eve, or Satan.

"Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned."
—Romans 5:12

Original sin means we cannot get back to the Garden of Eden. Each newborn child does not begin where Adam and Eve began. We enter a world of sin bent on sin and rebellion.

It is not the end of the story. The Fall is followed by ...

4. God's Loving Response

Genesis 3:20-24 was a temporary salvation until full salvation comes.
Sacrificial system was a reflection of coming redemption. (Hebrews 9:22, 10:1-4)

Universal Response, offered to all. (1 Corinthians 15:20-21, Romans 5:17)

God's Universal offer of Grace requires...

5. A Personal Response (John 1:12, 3:16-19, John 14:6)

"For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ."
—Romans 5:17

Man is unable to come to God on own free will, but God's Grace re-establishes free will.