

- 1 Adam did not commit the original sin, the 1st sin on earth in the garden.
- 2. But with Adam's sin, which was a personal sin, and with *his* personal sin came the origin of natural sin nature.
- 3. As the father of the human race –that sin nature, natural tendency to sin, was passed down to every member of the human race from Adam & Eve on, everyone born of man & woman.
- 4. The affect of being born with this sin nature is that we are all born, under sin.

- 5. Sin brings about death, spiritual death, so we are all born under sin & we are born spiritually dead.
- 6. We do not possess a sin nature when or because we commit a personal sin; **we commit personal sins, because we possess a sin nature.**
- 7. We are not condemned by God because we commit a personal sin, but because we are born with a sin nature & we are born spiritually dead.

- *the sin entered into the world*
- 1st this is not talking about Adam's original sin—sin entered into the world when Eve sinned. So this is not talking about
- 2. This is talking about the natural tendency to sin (NSN) which came into being, in Adam & is passed on to every human being on earth.
- 3. As to why not Eve? This is answered in 1 Tim.
- From Adam came the Problem
- From Eve came the Solution—birth of Jesus

- 1. Sin was in existence in the angelic realm long before Adam, but sin entered the restored planet earth through the acts of Adam & Eve to stop trusting God. Adam is not the first sinner, Eve is not the first sinner, Satan holds that claim to sinful shame.
- 2. But God did something phenomenal & beyond our thinking. He did not impute Adam's original sin to Adam. In fact throughout human history God has never imputed someone's personal sin/s to that person.
- 3. What God did was to gather every personal sin & put them on Jesus Christ & judged them on the cross.

- 4. What did happen on earth at the time of Adam's Original Sin was that the nature to sin, the genetical propensity to sin, the desire to sin was formed in Adam and was then passed on to every human being after Adam. And as we will see this is the grace of God.

- 5. Every personal sin, throughout all history was judged by Jesus Christ on the cross. Therefore, the judgment for all sins is taken care of on the cross. We are all forgiven on the cross. Sins no longer are an issue between God & mankind. The only issue is Faith, Faith in Jesus Christ as Savior. You don't need to ask for forgiveness of sins—you are forgiven, every unbeliever's sins are forgiven, no unbeliever will stand at the Great White Throne for their personal sins, & personal sins will not be brought up. They were all poured out on Christ on the cross. So, the only reason an unbeliever is even at the Last Judgment is for refusing to believe in Jesus Christ as Savior.

- 1. The difference between the woman sinning & Adam sinning is that the woman was **deceived**, but the man sinned **deliberately**. This may not mean much to you, but it does to God.
- 2. So the man, Adam being first in creation, was the federal head of the human race. The woman was not. The fatal act of sin was Adam's not Eve's.
- 3. Therefore the NSN was to be passed down through the male, not through the female. Of course this is the issue in the virgin pregnancy of Mary & birth of Jesus Christ by a virgin.—no NSN

- 1. The sin nature, that is the natural tendency to sin, entered into the world, entered the human race, by one man, because every person born into the human race is from Adam.
- 2. That one man is Adam, a true, living person; 'Adam' is never used to refer to the whole human race.
- 3. Adam, in his original state had everything provided for him. His state of innocence was temporary, because innocent man did not possess the perfect Righteousness.—very imp. to remember this. Neither Adam nor Eve possessed the Righteousness of God. We are far better off than Adam in garden. As a result of the fall, & being reconciled with God by imputed Righteousness we are far better off than man was in garden.

- 4. So when innocent man sinned, made a decision to take the forbidden fruit from the hand of the woman, not from the tree, several things happened. One of those things was of course AOS. But along with that sin, was the coming into existence of the sin nature, the natural desire to sin. the propensity to sin.

- 5. This is why God in His grace sent us the Holy Spirit, for **only in Holy Spirit can man not sin!** The flesh desires to sin & it is against the flesh nature not to sin. When people claim they do not sin, there is their first sin...arrogance of boasting—why **not boasting** is so important in 1 Cor. By our being descendant of Adam, we sin. Where did I get this blond hair? Genetics, well, why do I sin? genetics! This is what Gal. 5 is about, when it says that **the flesh sets it's desire against the Spirit & the Spirit against the flesh.**

- This is why Paul had such great struggle within himself in Rom. 7; **I do that which I do not want to do, & that which I do not want to do, I do**---this is about as an honest statement any human being has ever made. Then Paul cried out, **O wretched man that I am who will set me free from this body of death?**
- & in chpt. 8 God answers with the Holy Spirit.

- 5. Why Adam? Why sin?
- Well, 1st it is not about man.
It is about **angels**. This was to resolve
The Spiritual Warfare. Invisible, yet real!
(Donald Barnhouse: The Invisible Warfare)
Yet more real than the visible world. The
question of the Spiritual Warfare is:
**How can a perfectly Righteous God, not
cast all unrighteous creatures into lake of
fire?**

- Grasping this is so vital to understanding why for some 4 ½ chapters we have been concentrating on imputed Righteousness, Justification & Reconciliation. Rom. 5 gets to the heart of the necessity of these. We have studied imputation of Righteousness by faith in Jesus Christ resulting in Justification & Reconciliation, but Rom. 5 explains why imputation of Righteousness & why Justification & why Reconciliation are so important alone with the imputation of Life of God.

- 6. So to resolve this Spiritual Warfare God created a creature lower than angels, named Adam, & gave to Adam a valid test of faith in perfect environment. Adam, listened to the woman & stopped trusting God & sinned in perfect environment, by not trusting God & eating of the forbidden tree.
- 7. He made a choice that would effect the whole human race, for all history. But God is going to turn this cursing into a marvelous blessing.

- To what does **death** refer?
- 1. They of course were **physically alive!** God breathed into each of their formed bodies—physical life, human life, a human soul.
- Adam's body was formed out of the dirt of the ground & once it was ready God breathed physical life into Adam's body. Physical life, human life, soul life! Eve's body was made out of the man's rib--& once her body was formed, God breathed into that already formed body...life—human life, a human soul.

- 2. But Adam & Eve were **alive** in another way— In **Gen. 2:7** and the Lord God breathed into his **nostrils** Adam's nostrils **the breath of life**; only in the original mss it does not say **breath of life** it is in the plural: **breath of lives** & most people do not know how to handle this plural, just as they have trouble with Rom. 5:12. God breathed into Adam **human life, & spiritual life**. Then when Adam sinned two things happened to him. First **he died spiritually** & later would **die physically**. Physical death is a result of sin, old age is a result of sin in the garden. All the problems our body suffers in old age is from this original sin of Adams.

- There is another passage that has many people baffled. **Gen. 2:17** but from the tree of the Knowledge of good & evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die. This is not what original mss says: we have the verb ***muth*** to die twice;
- 1st Qal. infinitive followed by Qal. imperfect of this same verb. & so not making any sense out of the verb being used twice here—they used the first verb to intensify the second...therefore **surely die** but this presents a problem: **in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die** well, they did die physically that day!
- **So what is going on?**
- We now understand what is going on, with Adam being given two lives—**spiritual & physical**; introduces two deaths.

- this should be translated
dying you shall die
- where two deaths are involved here:
dying refers to **spiritual death** &
- **shall die** referring to **physical death**.

- Now what is **Spiritual life & spiritual death?**
- When they were given physical life, & a living soul—capable of relationship with one another, this soul life separates man from the animal kingdom.
- But in Spiritual life they were capable of fellowship with God, they possessed spiritual life. God is spirit! & God breathed into Adam & Eve along with human life, God breathed Spiritual life! A life capable of having fellowship with Him.— & with the pre-incarnate Christ.

- 4. So, as soon as Adam sinned, he died spiritually, & this along with the NSN was also passed on to all his offspring—all mankind.
- 5. So the death referred to here in context is **spiritual death**. Separation from God! loss of the life of God & fellowship with God. & also this Spiritual death was passed upon all men.