



Original Sin | Romans 5:12
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Original sin is the consequence of Adam's sin.

1. What are the concepts of headship and representation, and why are they crucial to God's redemption of his people?
2. In the garden, God made a covenant with Adam (don't eat...live, do eat...die). Why is this called the covenant of works?
 - a. To aid discussion of this question, here is Chapter 19.1 of the Westminster Confession of Faith. *"God gave to Adam a law, as a covenant of works, by which he bound him and all his posterity to personal, entire, exact, and perpetual obedience, promised life upon the fulfilling, and threatened death upon the breach of it, and endued him with power and ability to keep it."*
3. Adam failed to keep the covenant of works, and so now, sin and its effects are prevalent in human interactions. How does that truth aid you in evaluating human behavior?

Original sin is the cause of man's death.

1. God's sentence of death to Adam, and all his posterity, is immediate spiritual death, eventual physical death, and inevitable eternal death.
 - a. In what ways do you experience your spiritual death, i.e. God's removal of sinless fellowship with him?
 - b. In what ways, albeit in a mirror dimly (1 Corinthians 12:12), do you presently enjoy fellowship with God?
2. Why should we be cautious using words like broken or weak to describe our spiritual state?

Original sin is our representative guilt of Adam's sin, and our personal corruption, which evidences itself in sin.

1. What is the covenant of grace, and how does it transform the above to representative innocence and personal redemption?
 - a. To aid discussion of this question, here is Chapter 7.3 of the Westminster Confession of Faith. *"Man, by his fall, having made himself incapable of life by that covenant, the Lord was pleased to make a second, commonly called the covenant of grace; wherein he freely offers unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ; requiring of them faith in him, that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto eternal life his Holy Spirit, to make them willing, and able to believe."*

Intercessory Prayer at 8:00 AM
Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Coffee Fellowship 10-10:20 AM
Sunday Worship at 10:30 AM

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