

Christ & Covenant
Lecture 6: Covenant of Grace, Pt. 1: Historical
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Introduction:

Westminster Confession of Faith 7.3a Since man, **by his fall**, made himself incapable of life by that covenant, the Lord was then pleased **to make a second covenant, commonly called the covenant of grace** (Gal 3.21; Rom. 3.20–21; 8.3; Gen. 3.15; Isa 42.6).

1. The Fall:

WSC QA 17: Into what estate (i.e., condition) did the Fall bring mankind?

Ans. The Fall brought mankind into an estate of *sin and misery*. (Rom 5.12)

The SIN...

1] the **guilt** of Adam's first sin, Rom 5.12-19 "the imputation of Adam's Sin to all mankind"

2] the **corruption** of his whole nature, Ps 51.5; Rom 8.7

A. Sin: Definitions

Guilt vs. Biblical Guilt, Rom 5.12-19

Corruption / Total Depravity, Ps 51.5; Rom 8.7

B. Misery

WSC QA 19: What is the **MISERY** of that estate whereinto man fell?

Ans. All mankind by their (Adam & Eve's) Fall ...

1] **lost communion with God**, (Gen 3.8, 24)

2] are **under his wrath** (Eph 2.3) and curse and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, Rom 6.23 and to the pains of hell for ever, Matt 25.41, 46

Definitions:

Under God's wrath, Eph 2.1-3; John 3.36

Adam's First Sin vs. Original Sin

Original Sin / Inherited Corruption

Original Sin and Actual Sin: Root → Fruit

“We are not sinners
because we sin.
We sin
because we are
sinners.”

R.C. Sproul, *What is
Reformed Theology*

Point: We cannot save ourselves. We cannot do what God requires of us – perfect, personal, and perpetual obedience. We need God to send a Savior.

2. The Covenant of Grace, Genesis 3.15: The Covenant of Grace First Historical Mention

“And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring (or, seed) and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will crush his heel.”

A. “I will put enmity...”

B. “Between you (i.e., the serpent) and the woman”

C. “and between your offspring and hers (not biological, but spiritual offspring)”
e.g., Can & Abel

D. “He will crush your head and you will crush his heel.”
1 John 3.8