

The Fall: How Our Great Loss Exalts God's Great Love
God's Common Grace Through Fallen Fathers
Ephesians 6:1–4
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Overview of the Fall and Its Cure

1. Four plot movements of the Bible: Creation, Fall, Redemption, Renewal
2. The Fall: All humanity descends into sin, corruption, and death through Adam and Eve's disobedience.
3. Imputation: Transfer of liability or assets based on the union of the representative and the represented.
4. The First Transfer (Imputation): The transfer of Adam's guilt to all his descendants.
5. Original Sin: Our sin originates in the First Transfer, so that we enter the world legally guilty, spiritually dead, and physically dying.
6. The Second Transfer (Imputation): The transfer of the believer's guilt to Christ.
7. The Third Transfer (Imputation): The transfer of Christ's righteousness to the believer.
8. The Second and Third Transfers together are often called "The Great Exchange."
9. Before God applies the "Great Exchange," the sinner must personally repent and believe in Christ.
10. The sinner cannot and will not believe until he or she is made alive in regeneration.
11. Upon belief, the sinner is justified and transferred from being in Adam to being in Christ.
12. Being *in* Christ begins the life-long process of becoming *like* Christ (progressive sanctification).
- 13. Christ, the last Adam, will return and renew all things, ending the cycle of sin and death.**
- 14. Therefore, to God alone be all the glory!**

God displays his common grace to the world by restraining evil through officials in government (Ro. 13:1–7) and in the home (Eph. 6:1–3). Christian fathers especially provide an enormous restraining influence in a fallen world. This world needs fathers who are:

1. _____: Trust in the Last Adam to sovereignly rule the world through imperfect human governments and to return to re-establish the perfect government on earth.
2. _____: Accept that your fallen children are prone to honor themselves first.
3. _____: Understand that fallen fathers are prone to absence, anger, and apathy.
4. _____: Restrain evil in your home by Spirit-enabled:
 - _____ to stay when leaving is easy.
 - _____ to discipline children with wisdom.
 - _____ to instruct children with theological competence.