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# Week 2: The Fall/Sin



What do you think?

Has sin erased the image of God in mankind?

Now Read - Romans 1:18-32

Last week we saw that Genesis 1 describes the man and woman, created in God's image to rule over God's creation under him. The Fall has had a far reaching impact, affecting everything. Paul tells us that things are not as they should be. Something in God's initial design for humanity has been lost.





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## For further thought

Paul's teaching in our Romans passage is difficult for many our contemporaries to stomach, especially on a first reading. Genesis 1:26-28 is an essential backdrop for an understanding of Romans 1.

1. Where in our Romans 1 do we see this?



## Let's hold a debate?

Form 2 groups and conduct an impromptu debate on the following topic:

"Based on this passage from Romans, the apostle Paul teaches that sin has erased the image of God in mankind."

At the conclusion of your debate answer the following,

2. What light does James 3:9 shed on the topic you've just debated?

## Idolatry and sexual immorality

According to Romans 1:22-27, in our sin we give ourselves to the worship of idols.

3. What is the significance of the reference to images in verse 23?

Notice also the parallel between idolatry and sexual immorality.





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## The tragedy of the Fall

Every day each of us lives with the tragic consequences of the Fall. Thanks be to God that although marred, the image of God in every man, woman and child is not extinguished. Which leaves us with the idea that each person on the planet has value and worth because they are made in God's image.

## Pray together

- Finish your time in prayer thanking God for his kindness and forbearance.
- Pray also for opportunities to share the good news of Christ's hope to a broken and hurting world.

