



Section 3: Concerning Man (Cont.)

Question 4: Does the sin of Adam affect his posterity?

Answer 4: Yes, Adam's sin brought the curse of death upon all men.

Memory Verse: **Romans 5:12**

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Support Verses: **Romans 5:18-19**

18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

1Corinthians 15:21-22

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Genesis 5:3

And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

Discussion Points:

1. Why make much of original sin?

- The short answer is, because the Bible makes much of Original sin.
- Sin is clearly defined in the scriptures. (1 John 3:4)
- The Bible is very clear on the matter of Original Sin.
- Though it may not use that language, it is very clear that God emphasized the responsibility he placed upon Adam for his role in the fall.
- Consider our memory verse and support verses alone that state that by "one man" sin entered... by the "offence of one" comes judgment... "one man's disobedience" man is made a sinner... "man" brought death... in "Adam" all die, etc.
- And there is more... "offence of one" many are dead (Romans 5:15)... "judgment by one" brought condemnation (Romans 5:16)... "one man's offence" resulted in the rule of death (Romans 5:17).
- It is clear that Adam fulfills the role of our federal head.
- He is the representative of all of mankind.
- He is the representative of all mankind and as a result of his choice to disobey the command of God, he is responsible for the curse.



- God is a very just God, and holds man accountable to exactly what He commands. (Genesis 2:15-17)
- In the case of Adam, the command was simple, but the responsibility was great.
- So the curse was pronounced upon him. (Genesis 3:17-19)

2. How has original sin affected us today?

- That curse then is passed on to his posterity, his children.
- Anyone that was made after the likeness of Adam inherits the tainted, sin stained nature of Adam as well.
- Notice the change in the language from that which we know to be true of man in his original creation. (Genesis 5:3)
- Paul echoed this truth in his testimony. (Romans 7:14-24)
- Jesus speaks to this truth when upon the cross, in the place of man, as a vicarious atoning sacrifice he describes Himself as a worm. (Psalm 22:6)
- Any attempt to deny original sin is usually an attempt to deny the sin nature, and avoid culpability and/or responsibility.
- And yet the Bible is very clear on the matter as we consider David powerful testimony. (Psalm 51:5)
- This verse describes the human act of conception (conceive), and also the divine act of creation (shapen).
- Clearly not attributing to God the work of sin, but God working within the context of a fallen humanity, bound to His law.

3. The principle of sin affecting more than just the original offender is clear set forth as the precedent in the fall.

- Consider the following verse with regard to this principle set forth. (Exodus 20:5)
- Sin always affects more than you.
- Everyone around you feels the affects of your sin.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "Create In Me A Clean Heart" (Chorus #479 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "At Calvary" (Hymn #278 - Rejoice Hymns)