

HAMARTIOLOGY

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WHAT IS SIN?

Q: What is sin?

A: Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

The Baptist Catechism (1695) Question 17

“Sin is the lack of conformity to the moral law of God, either in state, disposition, or act.”

Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones (Sermon #7504)

ORIGINAL SIN

*“¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘**You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.**’” [emphasis mine]*

Genesis 3:1–3 (ESV)

“⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:4–5 (ESV)

“⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.”
[emphasis mine]

Genesis 3:6–7 (ESV)

“¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’”

Genesis 2:16–17 (ESV)

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[emphasis mine]

God

*“**You will not surely die.** For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”* *[emphasis mine]*

The serpent

IMPUTED OR INHERITED SIN?

WHAT IS “SIN NATURE”?

- You have likely heard the term “sin nature”
- How does Adam’s sin affect us?
- Are we responsible for his sin?
- How does sin pass down through the generations?

TWO VIEWS OF ORIGINAL SIN

Federalism & Seminalism

“¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.”

Romans 5:12–14 (ESV)

“¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.”

Romans 5:15–17 (ESV)

“¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.”

Romans 5:18–19 (ESV)

“²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

1 Corinthians 15:21–22 (ESV)

“⁴See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! ⁵And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. ⁶But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. ⁷It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. ⁸In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. ⁹One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, ¹⁰for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.”

Hebrews 7:4–10 (ESV)

Are we guilty for someone else's sin as well as our own?

“How can this be?”

It's not fair.

I didn't commit the sin of Adam.

*“⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; **the last Adam** became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.” [emphasis mine]*

1 Corinthians 15:45–49 (ESV)

IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS

Our sin is **imputed** to Christ, and
His righteousness is **imputed** to us!

“Mirifica Commutatio”

Our sin is **imputed** to Christ, and
His righteousness is **imputed** to us!

“Wondrous Exchange”

*“²³For **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are **justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,**”
[emphasis mine]*

Romans 3:23–24 (ESV)

*“³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to **the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,**”*
[emphasis mine]

Romans 4:3–5 (ESV)

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Guilt: Imputed through original sin in Adam, leading to a state of being culpable and deserving of punishment.

Justification: Imputed through faith in Christ, leading to a state of being declared righteous and accepted by God.

Are we justified for someone else's righteousness?

“How can this be?”

It's not fair.

I didn't live the perfect life of Christ.