

PM Service - 10/8/23

17 Q. Wherein consists the sinfulness of that state whereinto man fell?

A. The sinfulness of that state whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin (Rom 5:19), the want of original righteousness, (Rom 3:10) and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin (Eph 2:1; Psa 51:5), together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it (Mat 15:19).

1) What two types of sin do we see in this question?

- A. Original Sin
- B. Actual Sin

2) What are the three elements of Original Sin mentioned?

- A. the guilt of Adam's first sin
- B. the lack of original righteousness
- C. the corruption of his whole nature

3) How is all mankind held guilty for Adam's sin?

Imputation - Adam's sin imputed to his posterity.

4) What is included in the lack of original righteousness?

- A. The lack of true spiritual knowledge
- B. The lack of the inclination and the power to do good
- C. The lack of spiritual affections in the will and heart

= a lack of conformity to the Law in thought, word, & deed

5) What are the elements of the corruption of the whole nature of man?

- A. the darkness and defilement of the mind.
- B. the crookedness and enmity of the heart and will against God and his law

- C. The corruption of the affections - now love sin
- D. The members of the body also affected - now instruments of unrighteousness

6) What is it called original sin?

- A. Because we have it from birth
- B. Because all of our actual transgressions proceed from it.

- *The Shorter Catechism Explained From Scripture*, Thomas Vincent (free pdf on monergism.com)

18 Q. What is the misery of that state whereinto man fell?

A. All mankind, by their fall, lost communion with God (Gen 3:8, 24), are under his wrath and curse (Eph 2:3; Gal 3:10), and so made liable to all the miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever (Rom 6:23; Mat 25:41).

1) What are the elements mentioned of man's misery after the fall?

- A. lost communion with God - consisted in the gracious presence and favour, together with the sweet fellowship and enjoyment, of God in the garden of Eden.
- B. under His wrath and curse (for sin)
- C. made liable to all the miseries of this life, to death, and to hell forever.

2) What are some of the miseries in this life which man is liable unto by the fall?

- Sickness, hunger, financial loss, reproach, struggle with sin, = the sufferings of living in a fallen world! - ending with death & judgment.

3) What are some of the realities of hell?

- banishment from the comfortable presence of God, and an exclusion or shutting out from heaven; where the saints will have a fulness and eternity of joy and happiness. "
- The souls of the wicked in hell will be filled with horror and anguish through the strokes of God's immediate vengeance, and the bitings of the never-dying conscience.
- The bodies of the wicked in hell will be most grievously tormented in every part and member, and that both in extremity and to eternity.

How should we apply these things?

- 1) Lost = Repent and turn to Christ now!
- 2) Saved = love, gratitude, and devotion to Christ for delivering us! **GOSPEL**
- 3) Compassion and passion for the lost = evangelism. Someone came to us!
- 4) Deepening of our worship.
- 5) ...

- pray