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6.4 The Fall of Mankind, and Sin and its Punishment

All actual transgressions arise from this first corruption.¹¹

By it we are thoroughly biased against, and disabled and antagonistic toward all that is good, and we are completely inclined toward all that is evil.¹²

¹¹James 1:14, 15; Matthew 15:19.

¹²Romans 8:7; Colossians 1:21.

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During this life, this corruption of nature remains in those who are regenerated.¹³

Even though it is pardoned and put to death through Christ, yet both this corruption of nature and all actions arising from it are truly and actually sin.¹⁴

¹³Romans 7:18,23; Ecclesiastes 7:20; 1 John 1:8.

¹⁴Romans 7:23-25; Galatians 5:17.

Scripture Proofs

¹¹**James 1:14-15** But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Matthew 15:19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

¹²**Romans 8:7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

Colossians 1:21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds...

¹³**Romans 7:18,23** For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out...but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

¹**John 1:8** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

¹⁴**Romans 7:23-25** But I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Galatians 5:17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.