

## **WEDNESDAY SERMON**

**Willow, Alaska**

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**Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:1-6**

**Text:** Multiple

**Subject: CONFESSION OF FAITH SERIES – Fall of Man**

### **4. Fall of Man**

*In the beginning God made all things very good and created man after His own image – filled with a complete and fitting perfection of nature and free from all sin. But man in this upright state did not stay long. First, Satan used the subtlety of the serpent to seduce Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit and then gave to Adam. He, willingly and without any compulsion, ate. Adam in so doing transgressed the commandment of God and fell; whereby, death came upon all his posterity, who now are conceived in sin and are by nature the children of wrath, the servants of sin, the subjects of death and other miseries in this world, and forever, unless the Lord Jesus Christ sets them free.*

*Ge.1:1; Col.1:16; Is.45:12; 1Co.15:45, 46; Ec.7:29; Ge.3:1, 4, 5; 2Co.11:3; 1Ti.2:14; Gal.3:22; Ro.5:12, 18, 19, 6:22; Eph.2:3.*

Beloved, like every other statement in our Confession of Faith, the Fall of Man is of great importance! Why do I say that? It is important so that we may understand the **extent** to which man had fallen. Instead of man's fall rendering him slightly flawed, the fall in Adam has rendered all of us (without exception) both unwilling and incapable of coming to God. Why is that? Every person has the ability to act according to his nature – and will do exactly that. All being fallen in Adam, will by their nature, walk according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air the spirit that now worketh in the children of

disobedience. All will follow this path of life in the lusts of their flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and are, by nature, the children of wrath. (Eph. 2:2-3) Every child of Adam is born dead in trespasses and in sins because of Adam's sin, because we all sinned in Adam. Scripture tells us that no man is looking for God, because he is both unwilling and unable.

Let us now consider the proof texts for the statement about the fall of man.

**Ge 1:1 (KJV)** *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

We begin where creation begins – that is, with God. God created the heaven and the earth and all things therein whether visible or invisible. The Bible does not agree with any part of man's evolutionary theory. No. Man was created in the image and likeness of God.

**Col 1:12-17 (KJV)** *Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: **13** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: **14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: **15** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: **17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

It is abundantly clear from this passage, that our Lord Jesus Christ created all things and that by him all things consist. This next passage

from Isaiah joins Colossians to further solidify the doctrine of God's creation of man on the earth.

**Isa 45:11-12 (KJV)** *Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. **12** I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.*

The first man Adam was made a living soul – a natural man.

**1Co 15:45-46 (KJV)** And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit. **46** Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

**Ec 7:29 (KJV)** *Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.*

The word "inventions" is an interesting word. It speaks of: Finding out by mental activity; To devise, contrive, plan, or plot; to devise something false or fictitious; to fabricate, feign, or "make up." (*OED*). Man was created upright; but...

In Genesis 3:1-5, we see the deception of the woman who was taken from the side of Adam. Remember this part of the COF statement regarding the fall of man: "**Satan used the subtlety of the serpent to seduce Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit and then gave to Adam. He, willingly and without any compulsion, ate.**"

**Ge 3:1-5 (KJV)** *Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the*

woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? **2** And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: **3** But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. **4** And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: **5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Here is the first lie told by the father of liars, the serpent. Let us read what God had said to the man concerning the tree of knowledge of good and evil:

**Ge 2:16-17 (KJV)** *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

In this Genesis account of the temptation by the serpent, we see clearly that the woman was deceived and ate the forbidden fruit. Then, she gave the unlawful fruit to the man who ate it willingly.

**2Co 11:3 (KJV)** *But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

**1Ti 2:14 (KJV)** *And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.*

But...after Eve was deceived, the man ate of that tree. As a consequence, Adam and Eve died spiritually that very day according to the word of The LORD. Adam lived on to the physical age of 930 years and he died. He

died because death passed both upon him and all his posterity. You and I – and every person who has lived since Adam are his posterity.

**Ge 3:6 (KJV)** *And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*

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**Ga 3:22 (KJV)** *But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.*

Therefore, by this man's one willful act of disobedience to God in eating the forbidden fruit, Adam and all in Adam (which we all are), are conceived in sin. We come forth from the womb speaking lies. We sin because we are sinners.

**Ro 5:12 (KJV)** *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:*

Note this verse. "for that all have sinned." All sinned in Adam. We were yet in his loins when he sinned; therefore, we sinned in Adam. Therefore sin and death us upon us all. Let us consider the ending statement in our confession regarding the fall of man: "**Adam in so doing transgressed the commandment of God and fell; whereby, death came upon all his posterity, who now are conceived in sin and are by nature the children of wrath, the servants of sin, the subjects of death and other miseries in this world, and forever, unless the Lord Jesus Christ sets them free.**" In consequence of the fall of Adam, none of us are righteous, no, not one. This passage in Romans 3 tells us all what we are by nature - whether we be Jew or Gentile. A careful reading of Romans, chapters 1 and 2 will show us that

it proves all are under sin – both Jew and Gentile. Romans 3:10-19 is a summary of what is written in the first two chapters about sinful man.

**Ro 3:10-19 (KJV)** As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: **11** There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. **12** They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. **13** Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips: **14** Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness: **15** Their feet *are* swift to shed blood: **16** Destruction and misery *are* in their ways: **17** And the way of peace have they not known: **18** There is no fear of God before their eyes. **19** Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

**Ro 5:18-19 (KJV)** 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.*

As a result of man's condition because of the fall, he is both unwilling and unable to come to God:

**Ps 14:1-3 (KJV)** To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. **2** The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. **3** They are all gone

aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

**Joh 6:43-45 (KJV)** Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. 44 No man **can come** to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

Please notice the verb phrase "can come" in verse 44. Can denotes ability. No man has the ability to come (except the Father which hath sent me draw him). Moreover, the will of fallen man renders him unwilling.

**Joh 5:40 (KJV)** And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

These two verses tell us clearly what we were naturally.

**Ro 6:22 (KJV)** But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

**Eph 2:1-3 (KJV)** And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

In this brief lesson,

- we have seen the scriptural account of the Fall of Man into sin and death,
- we have seen that the woman was deceived, but the man was not deceived and ate of the forbidden fruit willingly,
- we have seen that by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and that ALL HAVE SINNED (IN ADAM),
- we have seen that there is none that do good, no not one, but all are inherently corrupted and exceeding wicked, and
- we have seen that unless God in mercy intervene in those dead in trespasses and sins, they shall perish in their sins.