

# Heritage OPC: Sunday School

## *Westminster Larger Catechism*

Q 25. *Wherein consisteth the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?*

A. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consisteth in the guilt of Adam's first sin,<sup>a</sup> the want of that righteousness wherein he was created, and the corruption of his nature, whereby he is utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite unto all that is spiritually good, and wholly inclined to all evil, and that continually;<sup>b</sup> which is commonly called original sin, and from which do proceed all actual transgressions.<sup>c</sup>

- a. Rom 5:12, 19; see 1 Cor 15:22
- b. Rom 3:10-12; Eph 2:1-3; Rom 5:6; Rom 8:7-8; Gen 6:5; see Col 3:10; Eph 4:24
- c. Jam 1:14-15; Ps 53:1-3; Matt 15:19; see Rom 3:10-18, 23; Gal 5:19-21

### Adam's Original Guilt

1. \*see previous notes/lectures
2. Rom 5:12

### The Want of Original Righteousness

1. Define "want" - Rom 3:11
2. Righteousness of Christ - Rom 5:6-8

### Corruption of His Nature

1. Utterly indisposed – 1 Cor 2:14
2. Disabled – 1 Cor 2:14
3. Made opposite to all spiritual good
  - a. "We are not sinners because sin – we sin because we are sinners" – R.C. Sproul
  - b. Only do what we want to do – Jn 8:34
4. Wholly inclined to evil – Gen 6:5
5. Continually – Gen 6:5

### Original Sin as the Foundation

1. All sin originates from original sin – i.e. our sin nature
2. Eph 2:2,3

### Arguments Against Original Sin

1. Most are either:
  - a. Don't argue biblically
  - b. Appeal to "that's not fair" principle
2. Best argument says it contradicts scripture
  - a. Deut 24:16
  - b. Ezk 18:20
  - c. Individual culpability vs. corporate consequences
3. Roman Catholic/Semi-Pelagian (Arminian)
  - a. Rom 8:1, 4b
  - b. Rom 8:12-14

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Q 26. *How is original sin conveyed from our first parents?*

A. Original sin is conveyed from our first parents unto their posterity by natural generation, so as all that proceed from them in that way are conceived and born in sin.<sup>a</sup>

a. Ps 51:5; Job 14:4; Jn 3:6

How?

1. From our parents through natural generation
2. Job 14:4
3. Jn 3:6

When?

1. At conception – Ps 51:5
2. It doesn't get removed
3. Points us to the "who"