

Westminster Confession of Faith: Session Seven
WCF 6 – Of the Fall of Man, of Sin, and of the Punishment thereof

“God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes” (Ecclesiastes 7:29 NKJV).

“The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23 NKJV).

- I. Introduction
 - a. Where We’ve Been
 - Bibliology: study of the Bible
 - Theology Proper: study of God himself
 - b. Where We Are
 - Anthropology: study of man
- II. WCF Chapter VI
 - a. God’s Sovereignty in the First Sin (6.1)

 - b. The Effects of the First Sin (6.2)
 - i. Original Righteousness (Ecc. 7:29)

 - ii. “Total Depravity” and “Utter Depravity”

 - c. Original Sin and Its Transmission (6.3)
 - i. Guilt and Corruption

 - ii. Transmission
 - 1. Creationism

 - 2. Traducianism

 - iii. “Ordinary Generation”

- d. *The Effects of Original Sin (6.4)*
 - i. Original Sin and Actual Sin

- e. *Original Sin and the Believer (6.5)*
 - i. Sinless Perfectionism

 - ii. Modern Application: “Side-B Gay Christianity”

- f. *The Punishment for Sin (6.6)*
 - i. Definition of Sin (WSC 14): “Sin is any want of conformity to or transgression of the law of God.”

III. Conclusion

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Helpful Resources

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