

#### **#4 - God's Glory in the Good News Regarding Sin and in the Fall**

**Isaiah 66:24; Mark 9:47-48 - And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.**

**Question 14:** What is sin?

Answer: Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

1 John 3:4 - Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

**Question 15:** What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

Answer: The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

Genesis 3:6 - So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

**Question 16:** Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

Answer: The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

Genesis 2:16-17 - And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." Romans 5:12 - Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned-- 1 Corinthians 15:21-22 - For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

**Question 17:** Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

Answer: The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery. Romans 5:12.

**Question 18:** Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

Answer: The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual transgression which proceed from it.

Romans 5:17, 18 - For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man ... Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men ... For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners. Ephesians 2:1-3 - And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience--among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. Matthew 15:19 - For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

**Question 19:** What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?

A. All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever.

Genesis 3:8, 10, 24 - And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden ... And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself" ... He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life. Romans 3:23, 26 - For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ... For the wages of sin is death. Matthew 25:41 - Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Mark 9:47-48 - And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.'