

Lesson 3 The Origin of Sin

Review

- The gospel is God's way of redeeming us and satisfying the penalty for our sins; he put that penalty upon his Son, Jesus, who died for our sins, was resurrected, and ascended to enthronement at the Father's right hand, where he awaits for the appointed time to return and render judgment and eternal life.
- Sin, the remedy for which the gospel was necessary, is learned through the law; specifically, we receive a knowledge of sin through the condemnation of the failure to keep all of God's commands.

What was the original state of creation? (Genesis 1:31)

What does it mean to be created in God's image? (Genesis 1:26, 27)

What was Adam and Eve's disobedience? (Genesis 3:1-7)

What was the result for humanity of this disobedience? (Romans 5:12-21)

In lesson 2, we learned that a knowledge of sin comes from the law; and that we are not able to keep the law (God's commands) perfectly. Does this mean that God made human beings imperfect, wicked and evil? Use the following passages to help explain your answer.

- Genesis 1:26-27; 1:31; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Colossians 3:10; Ephesians 4:24

If God, then, created us in his image, and all creation was good, and spiritual transformation in the gospel is about transforming us back into that image, where did sin, and our propensity to sin, come from? Use the following passages to help answer this question.

- Genesis 3; 1 John 3:8; Romans 5:12-21; Matthew 15:1-20

If sin is such a corruptive, corrosive influence upon us, are we able to be good and righteous on our own? How do these passages explain the answer to this?

- Genesis 8:21; Isaiah 53:6; Jeremiah 17:9; John 3:5-6; Romans 7:18

What hope do we then have?

- Romans 8:1-4; Ephesians 1-2

Thus, everything goes back to the gospel, to God's wisdom and to his plan of redemption. *How would you explain this to an unbeliever? To a new Christian who is learning? To an established Christian who has become prideful of his works?*