

## GREAT BIBLE TRUTHS

### 8. Sin – Its' Effects & Origin



#### An Introduction

In our previous study we looked at the nature of sin and the affect it has on our relationship with God. Let's continue now and see how sin also affects our relationships with one another and the world we live in.

#### EFFECTS OF SIN – Sin affects our relationship with man

##### 2. In our relationship with man and nature

###### (a) Men & women

God created us to have him at the centre of all our relationships, so now we are separated from him, all other relationships are affected.

###### (b) Nature

Man was created to have dominion over nature. (Genesis 1:26) Sin has limited this dominion and as a result nature has become part of God's judgment on sinful man. Genesis 3:14-18

##### 3. Within our inner nature

Separation from God brings:-

###### (a) Spiritual death

This doesn't mean we cease to exist, but we lose that LIFE God intended us to have. Ephesians 2:1, 5

###### (b) Corruption

Man's whole being has been affected by sin. Ephesians 4:18-19

###### (c) Ignorance

When a person refuses to return to God he has no light or truth, making him ignorant to his own sin and need. Ephesians 4:18-19, 2 Corinthians 4:4

###### (d) Slave to sin

Sin separates us from God, who is the only source of moral good and power, and the one who can enable us to do good. We become slaves to our own sin, and cannot free ourselves. Romans 6:16-17, 7:15-24



The New Testament says that when we are forgiven and set free from the power of sin we become slaves to God. How can this be freedom? Discuss. Romans 6:20-23



**Think about this: no man or woman would write about sin as the Bible does! The only way is if God himself is behind it.**

## ORIGIN AND TRANSMISSION OF SIN

### 1. Origin – Where did it begin?

#### (a) God isn't the author of sin

Job 34:10, Psalm 92:15

#### (b) Sin originated in the angelic world

Before the creation of the world, the devil had already opposed God. John 8:44, 1 John 3:8

#### (c) Sin entered by an historical event

There are some who regard the story of Adam's fall as a myth, but the Bible records it as an historical event. Once man sinned, he became sinful in nature. Genesis 3, Romans 5:12-19

### 2. Transmission – How did Adam's sin affect the whole of mankind?

#### (a) Sin entered by an act

It was through the actions of Adam and Eve that sin entered the world, and man was no longer in the perfect image of God. Romans 5:12

#### (b) All since have sinned

Since that time, all men and women have sinned, with the exception of Jesus. Romans 3:23, Galatians 3:22

#### (c) Sin is passed to our children

Sadly we pass our sinful nature onto our children, as we have all inherited Adam's situation, which is separation from God. This is called 'original sin'. Genesis 8:21, Psalm 58:3, Isaiah 48:8

#### (d) We sin in our own right

Although we inherit a sinful nature from our parents, we prove that we are sinners in our own right by the actual sins we commit. This means that it is not unjust that we all merit death and judgment, and are in need of God's salvation. Romans 5:17-18

Adam is the head, and representative, of all the human race, and so his sin was imputed to the whole race. The wonderful news is, that Jesus, as a member of the human race, can be head and representative of a 'new race'. Romans 5:17-19, 1 Corinthians 15:22, 45-49



*Why is the story of Adam and Eve so important to God's plan of salvation? Discuss.*



**Do we really understand the seriousness of sin and our need for redemption? From the beginning, God prepares the stage, by providing a temporary means of redemption, and then a permanent solution, through our Lord Jesus Christ.**