

THE TOTAL RUIN OF MANKIND

GENESIS 3:7-13



GENESIS: THE FOUNDATION FOR EVERYTHING

- I. Sin's **Constitution** (its nature; Genesis 3:1-5)
- II. Sin's **Consummation** (Genesis 3:6)
- III. Sin's **Consequences** (Genesis 3:7-13)

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What are the **corruptive consequences** of sin we **all** live with from the fall?

III. Sin's **Consequences** (Genesis 3:7-13)

Corruption/Depravity

*“From any tree of the garden you may surely [freely] eat; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat from it; for in the day that you eat from it you will **surely** die.”* (Gen. 2:16-17)

Adam and Eve went from being told to avoid evil and death to experiencing evil and death in **themselves**.

Eve was **deceived** about God's Word, Adam **defied** it, and both chose to **disbelieve** it.

Now they knew what it was like to **be** evil.

III. Sin's **Consequences** (Genesis 3:7-13)

Corruption/Depravity

Sin opened their eyes to **personal guilt** and shut their eyes to **God's goodness**.

“Like Lucifer, Adam and Eve fell so far that there was nothing good **in** them.” *(John MacArthur)*

III. Sin's **Consequences** (Genesis 3:7-13)

Corruption/Depravity

“Sin is a disposition of human beings that leads to a failure to conform to the moral law of God. Notice that sin is a **disposition**. Human beings have a **nature** that is **oriented away from God**. Sin does not just describe the bad things human beings do or fail to do. More fundamentally, it describes **who we are** as wicked people.” *(Heath Lambert)*

III. Sin's **Consequences** (Genesis 3:7-13)

Corruption/Depravity

The doctrine of **original sin** is the way theologians have, for centuries, defined the issue of **our inherent sinful guilt** before God **based in** the sinful rebellion of Adam as our representative.

The apostle Paul taught that **all** of humanity **became sinners** in Adam because Adam **represented us** when he sinfully rebelled against God's Word in the garden.

III. Sin's Consequences (Genesis 3:7-13)

Corruption/Depravity

Romans 5:12-19

5:12 “Therefore, just as **through one man sin entered into the world**, and death through sin, and so **death spread to all men**, because **all** sinned...”

5:15 “For if **by** the transgression of the **one** [Adam] **many** died...”

5:16 “...for on the one hand the **judgement** arose from one transgression **resulting in condemnation**...”

5:17 “For if by the transgression of the one [Adam], **death** reigned **through** the one...”

5:18 “So then as through one transgression there **resulted** condemnation to **all** men...”

5:19 “For as through **one** man’s disobedience the **many** were **appointed** sinners...”

III. Sin's **Consequences** (Genesis 3:7-13)

Corruption/Depravity

“Original sin does not refer to Adam’s sin or to the first sin we commit, but rather to the fact that Adam’s guilt before God is our guilt before God by virtue of [Adam’s] work of **representation**.” *(Heath Lambert)*

III. Sin's **Consequences** (Genesis 3:7-13)

Guilt/Shame

*“**The woman**, whom you gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree and I ate.” (Gen 3:12)*

III. Sin's **Consequences** (Genesis 3:7-13)

Guilt/Shame

The fall **replaced** innocence with **iniquity**!

This is our sinful bent which we **weaponize** and **wield** for self-advancement set against the well-being of another.

III. Sin's **Consequences** (Genesis 3:7-13)

Guilt/Shame

What is **guilt**?

Is guilt fact or feeling?

Is it a **feeling**, or is it a **statement of fact**?

“A legal liability of culpability to punishment” (*John Street*)

III. Sin's **Consequences** (Genesis 3:7-13)

Separation (from God and from each other)

They are **lost** in sin and **terrified** by it. They are trying to **hide their hearts** from God.

III. Sin's **Consequences** (Genesis 3:7-13)

Separation from God and from each other

What does this simple gesture of God walking in the garden tell us about God?

What does Genesis 3:8 depict about the relationship **God has** toward the couple?

Fellowship. Friendship. Faithfulness.

III. Sin's **Consequences** (Genesis 3:7-13)

Separation from God and from each other

Adam's actions negatively affected his God-appointed **authority** over Eve and marred his headship **accountability** toward God.


III. Sin's **Consequences** (Genesis 3:7-13)

Condemnation/Death

What will you do about your inner corruption?

What will you do with your real guilt before God?

Do you have that certain hope?

A person is silhouetted against a night sky filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy. The person is standing on a small rock or mound of earth, looking up at the stars. The Milky Way is visible as a bright, colorful band of stars stretching across the sky. The overall scene is dark and atmospheric, with a focus on the vastness of the universe.

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