

### WCF VI: Of the Fall of Man, of Sin, And of the Punishment Thereof

#### Warm-Up Question:

Discuss some of the things in this world you find most broken.

**READ: Genesis 3:1-9**

#### I. The ATTITUDE of Rebellion

- ▶ What is Satan inviting Adam and Eve to feel toward God through his questions to them? What is he inviting them to feel toward themselves?
- ▶ How does the seriousness of the sin reflected from who is sinned against?
- ▶ In what areas of your life do you most easily challenge God's authority over that area? How do you most "bid for authority" over it?

#### II. The ACT/AFTERMATH of Rebellion

- ▶ [READ] WCF IV.1-3; Rom. 3:23; 5:12; Eph. 2:1-2 — Describe our spiritual state before God
- ▶ Those passages and Gen. 3 show how we are prone to usurp God's authority. Discuss how subtle things such as your anxiety/worry and your anger over something can reflect a subtle way of doing that.
- ▶ How did Adam and Eve try to fix the problem? How do we still do the same thing? (How do we feel our nakedness? How do we hide? How do we try to cover ourselves?)

#### III. The ANTIDOTE for Rebellion

- ▶ Read Gen. 3:8-9, 15, 21. How do you see God's grace even there?
- ▶ How was Jesus (the "2nd Adam") different from the 1st Adam? Discuss how Jesus succeeded in every way that Adam failed.
- ▶ What are the implications for us that Jesus' trusted God, submitted to His authority, and fully obeyed in every way? (Read Rom. 5:19 for help)

#### WCF IV: OF CREATION

I. Our first parents, being seduced by the subtlety and temptation of Satan, sinned in eating the forbidden fruit. This their sin God was pleased, according to his wise and holy counsel, to permit, having purposed to order it to his own glory.

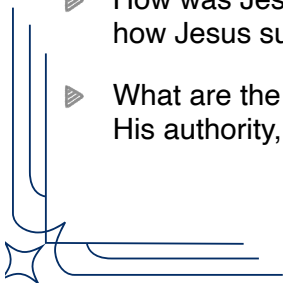
II. By this sin they fell from their original righteousness, and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body.

III. They being the root of all mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed, and the same death in sin and corrupted nature conveyed to all their posterity, descending from them by ordinary generation.

IV. From this original corruption, whereby we are utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil, do proceed all actual transgressions.

V. This corruption of nature, during this life, doth remain in those that are regenerated; and although it be through Christ pardoned and mortified, yet both itself, and all the motions thereof, are truly and properly sin.

VI. Every sin, both original and actual, being a transgression of the righteous law of God, and contrary thereunto, doth, in its own nature, bring guilt upon the sinner, whereby he is bound over to the wrath of God, and curse of the law, and so made subject to death, with all miseries spiritual, temporal, and eternal.



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