

## THE BIRTH OF SIN

### 1 How does the Bible reveal the origin of sin?

**EZEKIEL 28:15** “You were \_\_\_\_\_ in your ways from the \_\_\_\_\_ you were \_\_\_\_\_, till \_\_\_\_\_ was found \_\_\_\_\_ you.”

**ISAIAH 14:12** “How you are \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven, O \_\_\_\_\_, son of the morning! How you are \_\_\_\_\_ to the ground, You who \_\_\_\_\_ the nations!”

**ISAIAH 14:13-14** “For you have said in your \_\_\_\_\_ I will be like the \_\_\_\_\_.”

God did not create sin. The angel Lucifer desired to replace God. His aim was to be like the Most High. The rebellion that began in his heart not only resulted in his fall, but, one-third of the angels of heaven who joined him also fell. Revelation 12:9 tells us, “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

### 2 How was sin introduced to the human home?

**REVELATION 12:7-9** “And \_\_\_\_\_ broke out in \_\_\_\_\_: Michael and his angels fought with the \_\_\_\_\_; and the dragon and his angels fought, (8) but they did not \_\_\_\_\_, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. (9) So the great dragon was \_\_\_\_\_, that \_\_\_\_\_ of old, called the Devil and Satan, who \_\_\_\_\_ the whole world; he was cast to the \_\_\_\_\_, and his \_\_\_\_\_ were cast out with him.”

After being cast to the earth, Satan appeared to Eve in the Garden of Eden. Eve strayed from the side of her husband only to discover that she was not suited to face the deceiving power of a fallen angel.

### 3 How was Satan able to deceive Eve?

**GENESIS 3:4-5** “Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will \_\_\_\_\_ surely \_\_\_\_\_. (5) For God knows that in the day you \_\_\_\_\_ of it your \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_, and you will be \_\_\_\_\_ God, knowing good and \_\_\_\_\_.’”

In accepting Satan's lie, the Bible records the fall of Adam and Eve. “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.” (Genesis 3:6 NKJV) 2 Corinthians 11:3 records that “The serpent deceived Eve.” However, Adam made a conscious choice. He clearly understood the penalty of his decision.

### 4 How do we know that Adam was not deceived?

**GENESIS 2:16-17** “And the LORD God commanded the \_\_\_\_\_, saying, ‘Of \_\_\_\_\_ tree of the garden you may \_\_\_\_\_ eat; (17) but of the tree of the knowledge of good and \_\_\_\_\_ you shall \_\_\_\_\_ eat, for in the \_\_\_\_\_ that you eat of it you shall \_\_\_\_\_.’”

God warned Adam of the consequence of disobedience. Adam was fully aware that his noncompliance would bring death. The door to sin opened when Adam ignored God's warning and followed Eve's suggestion. From that day to this, his decision has affected all. God was right that sin brings death for we read, “So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died.” Genesis 5:5 (NKJV)

### 5 How did sin infect the human family?

**ROMANS 5:12** “Therefore, just as through \_\_\_\_\_ man sin entered the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ through sin, and thus death \_\_\_\_\_ to all men, because \_\_\_\_\_ sinned.”

Adam was the one that opened the door to sin. He chose to accept the offer of his wife instead of remaining obedient to the will of God.

### 6 In what way does Adam's disobedience condemn us?

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:22** “For as in Adam all \_\_\_\_\_.”

**ROMANS 3:23** “For all have \_\_\_\_\_ and fall \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.”

Adam's decision corrupted his nature. He passed on to humanity a nature that condemns all. Adam's nature predisposes humanity to death. In our fallen condition, regardless of social, economic, or education we are incapable of reflecting the glory of God.

### 7 What did Adam and Eve do after the fall?

**GENESIS 3:8** “And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife \_\_\_\_\_ themselves from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.”

After Adam and Eve fell, sin revealed their fallen condition. In an attempt to cover their shame, they hid from God. That is why we read in Revelation 16:15, “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.” In Genesis 3:5, Satan promised Eve that their eyes would be opened and they would be like God. Such was not the case. Sin never results in an exalted condition. Their eyes were opened to their true condition—the fallen condition of sin.

### 8 What did God find when He came looking for Adam and Eve?

**GENESIS 3:7** “Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were \_\_\_\_\_; and they \_\_\_\_\_ fig leaves together and \_\_\_\_\_ themselves \_\_\_\_\_.”

The shame of their sin led them to substitute fig leaves for the loss of God's reflected glory. Not only did Adam and Eve hide, they covered themselves to conceal sin's condition. Transgression often leads us to believe we need to cover our condition and hide from God. But the Bible tells us, “He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.” Proverbs 28:13 (NKJV).

## THE RESULTS OF SIN

### 9 What are some of the effects of sin?

**ISAIAH 59:2** “But your iniquities have \_\_\_\_\_ you from your God; and your sins have \_\_\_\_\_ His face from you, so that He will not \_\_\_\_\_.”

**ROMANS 7:17** “But now, it is no longer I who do it, but \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ in me.”

**JEREMIAH 17:9** “The heart is \_\_\_\_\_ above all things, and \_\_\_\_\_ wicked; who can know it?”

Sin affects humanity on many levels. It brings separation, it enslaves, and it produces corrupt behavior. Sin is deceptive. It promises one thing but delivers another. The best Adam could pass down to the human family is a broken character under the bondage of sin.

### 10 How does the Bible define sin?

**1 JOHN 3:4** “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is \_\_\_\_\_.”

**JAMES 4:17** “Therefore, to him who \_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_ and does not do it, to \_\_\_\_\_ it is \_\_\_\_\_.”

**ROMANS 7:7** “What shall we say then? Is the \_\_\_\_\_ sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have \_\_\_\_\_ sin except \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. For I would not have known \_\_\_\_\_ unless the \_\_\_\_\_ had said, ‘You shall not covet.’”

The Bible defines sin as violation of law. Violating God's law, the Ten Commandments, gave birth to sin. The apostle Paul refers to covetousness because it is the tenth commandment. The Bible also points out that sin is not only violation of God's law, but also the result of choosing to do wrong while knowing what is right. Without Jesus the nature and power of sin would be impossible to overcome.

## THE RESCUE FROM SIN

### 11 What did God do after Adam and Eve fell?

**GENESIS 3:9** “Then the LORD God \_\_\_\_\_ to Adam and said to him, ‘\_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_?’”

As God’s first act in behalf of fallen humanity, He came looking for them. Heaven was not content to leave humanity in a fallen condition. At Adam and Eve’s lowest point, God’s compassion reached out to them. Regardless of the nature of our sins, God is always willing to seek after us and rescue us.

### 12 What is the mission of Jesus?

**LUKE 19:10** “For the Son of Man has \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ that which was \_\_\_\_\_.”

**LUKE 15:4** “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he \_\_\_\_\_ of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and \_\_\_\_\_ after the one which is \_\_\_\_\_ until he \_\_\_\_\_ it?”

The great story of our redemption is, for only one lost person Jesus would go after that person. Dr. Luke writes, “And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’” Luke 15:6 (NKJV).

### 13 How does the Bible reveal Jesus’ commitment to save?

**ROMANS 5:6-8** “For when we were still without \_\_\_\_\_, in due time Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ (7) For scarcely for a \_\_\_\_\_ man will one \_\_\_\_\_; yet perhaps for a \_\_\_\_\_ man someone would even \_\_\_\_\_ to die. (8) But God \_\_\_\_\_ His own love \_\_\_\_\_ us, in that while we were \_\_\_\_\_, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for us.”

Jesus gave His life to save fallen humanity still in sin. His love for us is so great He paid with His life for our redemption and salvation. Sin demanded a payment we could not satisfy so Jesus paid the price to claim us as His.

### 14 How does the apostle Paul describe our deliverance from sin?

**ROMANS 6:23** “For the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin is \_\_\_\_\_, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**1 PETER 1:18-19** “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, (19) but with the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

The precious blood of Jesus is the spotless gift that saves us. To purchase our salvation, Jesus paid the wage that sin demanded.

### 15 How does the apostle John reveal the work of redemption?

**JOHN 1:29** “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold! The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ who takes \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_!’”

**MATTHEW 1:21** “And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name \_\_\_\_\_, for He will \_\_\_\_\_ His people from their \_\_\_\_\_.”

Jesus not only takes away the sin of the world but he also paid for our sins to be forgiven. “Sin” is the broken nature Adam passed to us. That nature predisposes us to eternal death. The death of Jesus paid the wages of sin freeing us from Adam’s corrupt nature, freeing us for the penalty of death. The resurrected life of Jesus provides us with His nature to live above the power of sin.

### 16 What can we do to contribute to our salvation?

**EPHESIANS 2:8-9** “For by \_\_\_\_\_ you have been saved through \_\_\_\_\_, and that not of \_\_\_\_\_; it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, (9) not of \_\_\_\_\_, lest anyone should \_\_\_\_\_.”

There is nothing we can ever do to earn the gift of eternal life. Sin required a payment we could never afford—a spotless character. Only the spotless life of Jesus could satisfy the debt of sin. The gift of God is eternal life because the wages of sin is eternal death. What a gift!

### 17 How do we benefit from Jesus’ gift of eternal life?

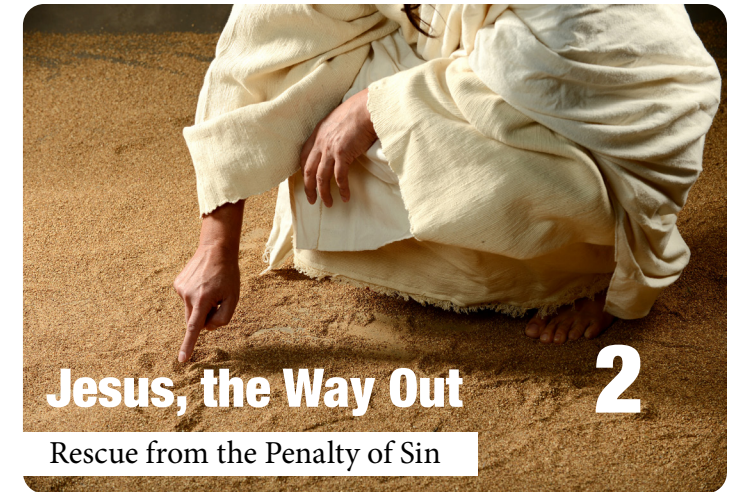
**1 JOHN 1:9** “If we \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_, He is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins and to \_\_\_\_\_ us from \_\_\_\_\_.”

The gift of eternal life is only given to those that confess their sins. The power to live above sin comes when we decide to abandon sin daily. That is why the apostle Paul said, “I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.” 1 Corinthians 15:31 (NKJV).

### 18 After being delivered from sin what are we told to do?

**ROMANS 6:12** “Therefore do not \_\_\_\_\_ sin \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ body, that you should \_\_\_\_\_ it in its \_\_\_\_\_.”

When we are forgiven we are saved from the penalty of sin. We are saved from the power of sin when we choose daily to die to sinful desires. But, until we are saved from the presence of sin, we must decide not to yield to its call that comes through temptation. The apostle Paul wrote, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17). When, through Jesus we maintain that new life, Jesus becomes the way out!



Without argument we live in a world racked by pain, suffering, heartache, disease, and death. Each movement of the clock brings the reality that this world is not getting any better. Adding to that scenario, political uncertainty, economic instability, international unrest, and the fear of rising terrorism, the future is bleak.

It would be wonderful if we could hit a reset button and go back to a world filled with total peace. It may be difficult to imagine but there was a time when sorrow was non-existent, and social harmony was uninterrupted. This earth was once a death and disease free environment. How could something so perfect turn out so bad? What went wrong? The Bible reveals that our world was infected by sin.

A rebellion broke out in heaven through a rogue angel named Lucifer. The sin that was born in his heart resulted in the deception of one-third of heaven’s angels. The war that followed resulted in the expulsion of Satan and his angels. Adam knowingly accepted the fruit of rebellion and opened the door to sin. Death passed upon the human race through Adam’s transgression. However, Jesus provided a way of escape from sin. By accepting Him we receive the eternal blessing of salvation. One day sin and death will be eradicated and eternal peace will forever reign. As we prepare for that sin-free world of eternal joy, remember that Jesus is the only way out.