



We Believe in The Fall of Mankind

NorthRidge Church

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Truth for Life

For the week of October 24, 2021

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned. – Romans 5:12

In this Series we have Repeated these Bold Statements ...

- We Believe ... In **Absolute Truth**
- We Believe ... That **Jesus** is the Absolute Truth
- We Believe ... That God gave us the **Bible** as the Source of **Absolute Authority**

Man and the Original Sin ... Genesis 3

I. The Personal Consequences of Sin ... (7-13)

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

II. The Divine Judgment of Sin ... (14-19)

- For the _____
- For the _____
- For the _____

The Bible is Clear, the **Wages** of Sin is **Death**

So What?

- Sin always results in _____.
- Since we are born _____ sin, we are born with a _____ toward sin and with an inability to _____ the connection with God.
- Mankind cannot be _____ enough to get to heaven nor will he ever be _____ enough to guarantee hell. Man will only ever miss heaven by _____ God's offer of salvation.

- Have you ever known someone that their wayward life just went too far? Their life was totally wrecked. What happened? What was the thing that ultimately became the cause for the downfall? Were there efforts along the way to attempt correction?
- This weekend we heard that while sin makes a big mess, there's no mess too big for God! Even knowing this, sometimes it can feel like God is missing and there is little hope. In the following verses, what hope can we count on in the midst of the mess?

Psalm 34:17-18

Psalm 46:1-3

Psalm 37:1-2

Psalm 9:18

Looking back at what you wrote above, which of these verses catches your attention the most? Why?

- One of the most recognized stories of how sin makes a huge mess is the story Jesus told of the Prodigal Son. Read the story from Luke 15:11-32. The story of the prodigal son highlights the compassion and mercy of a loving father AND the wisdom of a dad who let his kid leave and allow the son's choices to result in major consequences. As you read the story, what stands out to you? Why? How was the father's choice to allow his son to go a choice that was rooted in love?

How do the following passages help us follow the Father's example and blend both of these responses in love?

Psalm 103:8-13

Hebrews 12:5-7

Galatians 6:7-10

- Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
 - How do you know when to confront a sinning Christian? Since we're all sinners in process, what sins need confrontation?
 - What safeguards can help us avoid the human tendency of dodging Scriptures that confront our sin?
 - Where's the balance between holding firm convictions versus the openness of being corrected where we're wrong?
 - How can we get people who deny their sin to face it?

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

Lord, build us ... "on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." Ephesians 2:20-22



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- Shame**
- Fear**
- Blame Shifting**
- Guilt**

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- For the **Serpent**
- For the **Woman**
- For the **Man**

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So What?

- Sin always results in **Consequences**.
- Since we are born **in** sin, we are born with a **tendency** toward sin and with an inability to **restore** the connection with God.
- Mankind cannot be **good** enough to get to heaven nor will he ever be **bad** enough to guarantee hell. Man will only ever miss heaven by **neglecting** God's offer of salvation.

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