

Question 36

Name _____

Q36. What is that sinful nature which we inherit from Adam called?

A36. Original sin.

Scripture Base: Gen 6; Matt 15:19-20,
Rom 3:10-12, 8:6-8, 13:12-14; Gal. 5:22-23,
Eph. 2:1-3, Col. 3:8-10, 2 Pet. 2:18-19
Doctrine: WCF 6 SC 17-19

Supplementary Questions

1. What is original sin?

2. What does original sin do to us?

Songs: “Ten Commandments”, “Adam & Eve”,
“Jesus Our Redeemer” – Judy Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review: Q35. What effect had the sin of Adam on all mankind? - *All mankind are born in a state of sin and misery.*

Story: Genesis 6 Noah’s Ark tells us what man has become because of the Fall.

Questions:

1a. It is not Adam’s sin (the first sin, his sin of eating from the forbidden tree), but it is the result of Adam’s sin.

b. It is the origin (original) or source of all of our sins, that is, in our hearts: “For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders. These are the things which defile the man” (Matt. 15:19-20).

c. It is called by different names in the Bible:

(i) Corruption: (2 Pet. 2:18-19).

(ii) Flesh: (Rom 13:12-14).

(iii) The old man/nature/self: (Col. 3:8-10).

d. It is the hatred of God, especially of His holiness (moral purity, uprightness).

2a. It makes us want to sin:

(i) To do the things God commands us not to do, and not to do the things He commands us to do.

(ii) It makes us hate God and the things He loves, and it makes us love the things He hates.

b. It makes us so we can’t do anything good/obey God’s Law: (Rom 3:10-12, 8:6-8).

c. It brings us under God’s judgment (Eph. 2:1-3).

Gospel: Adam’s sin of eating from the forbidden tree made us guilty enough to be punished in hell forever. His sin also put evil in our hearts that makes us want to sin. God promises not only to punish us for the sins we commit, but also for the desire that is in our hearts to do them. He also promises that if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus to save us, that He will forgive us our sins and free us from this evil that is in our hearts. You cannot do anything to free yourself from your sins, only Jesus can. Pray that He will.

Extras: Fruit of the Spirit/Fruit of the Flesh Worksheet – Gal 5

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