

Sin

Gen 3:1-7

1. Intro

1. Last week we looked at us being created in the image of God.
 1. We were created for His glory, and to glorify Him
 2. Some aspects of His image were moral, spiritual, mental, relationships, and the physical.
2. The image also got distorted and that is what we want to look at today.

2. Sin: How Our Image Got Distorted

1. Sin is any failure to conform to the moral law of God in act, attitude, or nature.
 1. Gal 5:20
2. Sin is directly opposite to all that is good in the character of God.
 1. S.I.N. - Self Indulgent Nature.
3. In the Garden
 1. Sin entered the world through disobedience (Gen 3:1-7)
 2. Sin struck at the basis for knowledge – What is true?
 1. God said you would die if you ate of the tree. (3b)
 2. Satan said you will not. (4)
 3. Sin struck at the basis for moral standards – What is right?
 1. God said it was morally right NOT to eat from the tree.
 2. Satan said it was okay. - Be like God. (5b)
 1. Eve trusted her own evaluation of what was right and wrong
 4. Sin struck at the idea of who they are. - Who am I.
 1. Creatures of God dependent upon Him (5c)
 2. Satan encouraged them to put themselves in the place of God.
 5. Sin is irrational
 1. No reason for Satan to rebel against God
 2. No reason for Adam and Eve to think they would gain anything by disobeying God.

3. Inherited Sin

1. Counted guilty because of Adam's sin
 1. Sin came through one man (Rom 5:12)
 2. Sin before the law (13)
 3. Because Adam sin we all sin
 1. God looked into the future and saw that sin would exist in us.
 1. Sin is imputed in us.
 2. But that seems unfair.
 3. Should we then not be represented by Christ. (15b)
 4. God sees humanity as a whole a unit
 1. in one all sin
 2. in one all are redeemed.
2. Our nature is sinful because of Adam's sin

1. Civil law, families, society and our conscience can all provide a restraining influence on our sinful tendencies.
 1. God's umbrella of grace allows us to do good in our society.
 2. It is not that we cannot do good in human society, but it is that we cannot be good in terms of relationship to God.
2. David sees his own life from the beginning as being sinful (Ps 51:1-4)
3. By nature we are sinful (Eph 2:3)
 1. We teach our children how to do right, not wrong.
4. Without Christ we are alienated from Him (Eph 4:18)

4. Degrees of Sin?

1. All of us have come short of God's glory (Rom 3:23)
2. Legal guilt
 1. Any sin, large or small makes us guilty before God and worthy of punishment.
 2. Violating one OT laws makes one guilty of all
 1. If I steal; it breaks #8, it also dishonours God's name (#3), dishonours my parents (#5), I have coveted (#10), puts material possession ahead of God (#1), harms another person (#6)
3. The Results in life
 1. Some sins may have worse consequences than others.
 1. Some may be life changing, others not so.
 2. Some sins done repeatedly and willingly.
4. Understanding that there are different consequences of sin will help us to focus and grow in holiness.

5. When We Sin

1. Our legal standing before God is unchanged (Rom 6:23)
 1. We are still His children and members of His family.
2. Our fellowship with Him is disrupted.
 1. It causes Him sorrow, He is not pleased
 2. Can lead to discipline
3. It can affect our fruitfulness in our ministry.
 1. If we are disconnected from the Vine, we will not grow.

6. Conclusion

1. Our image has been distorted. It started with Adam and we inherited that.
 1. We are all guilty
2. Sin will draw us away from our Creator
3. Jesus solves the issue, for His coming brought us back into relationship with the Father.
 1. Through one Man salvation came.