

The Bible's Big Message

Fall

Responsibility for the Fall

Adam

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned--

Eve

1 Timothy 2:14

and Adam was not deceived, but
the woman was deceived and
became a transgressor.

Satan

Revelation 12:9

And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world--he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Extent of the Fall

On All of Creation

DEATH

Genesis 3:19

By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."



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*On All of
Creation*

DEATH

Genesis 4:8

Cain spoke to Abel his brother.
And when they were in the field,
Cain rose up against his brother
Abel and killed him.

*On All of
Creation*

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Genesis 5:5

Thus all the days that Adam lived
were 930 years, and he died.

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Creation*

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Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but
the free gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*On All of
Creation*

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Ephesians 2:1

And you were dead in the
trespasses and sins

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Revelation 20:14-15

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

On All of Creation

Curse

Genesis 3:17-19

And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

On All of Creation

Curse

Romans 8:18-23

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

*On
Humanity*

TOTAL DEPRAVITY

Isaiah 1:6

From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but bruises and sores and raw wounds; they are not pressed out or bound up or softened with oil.

*On
Humanity*

TOTAL DEPRAVITY

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

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TOTAL DEPRAVITY

Romans 7:18

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

*On
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TOTAL DEPRAVITY

- Of the Mind – Ephesians 4:18
- Of the Will – Romans 7:20
- Of the Emotions – Titus 1:15

*On
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UNIVERSAL DEPRAVITY

Psalm 51:5

Behold, I was brought forth in
iniquity, and in sin did my mother
conceive me.

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Psalm 143:2

Enter not into judgment with your
servant, for no one living is
righteous before you.

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Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned--every one--to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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Romans 3:10-12

as it is written: "None is righteous,
no, not one; no one understands;
no one seeks for God. All have
turned aside; together they have
become worthless; no one does
good, not even one."

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Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short
of the glory of God,

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1 John 1:10

If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Responses to the Fall

Fear

**Characteristic of
Tribalism/Animist
Cultures**

Shame

**Characteristic of
the Eastern
World/Islam &
Buddhism**

Guilt

Characteristic of
the Western
World/Greco-
Roman Heritage

Rejections of the Fall

*Roman
Catholicism
(Semi-Pelagianism)*

- *Man fully retains his will*
- *Original sin is cleansed through baptism*

Islam

- *There was no fall in terms of guilt*
- *Man's problem is weakness, not transgression*

Buddhism

- *Every man “falls” into becoming an individualized, sentient being*

Mormonism

- *Fall was a "glorious necessity"*
- *Without the fall there would be no procreation and eventual "godness"*

Implications of the Fall

Man is
alienated from
God

Isaiah 59:1-2

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

All people
everywhere
are trying to
make life work
without God

Genesis 11:4

Then they said, "Come, let us
build ourselves a city and a tower
with its top in the heavens, and
let us make a name for ourselves,
lest we be dispersed over the face
of the whole earth."

Man is unable
to rescue
himself

Isaiah 64:6-7

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

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John 6:44

No one can come to me unless
the Father who sent me draws
him. And I will raise him up on the
last day.

Man is unable
to rescue
himself

Romans 8:8

Those who are in the flesh cannot
please God.

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