



APRIL 24-30, 2026 [WEEK 17]
FRIDAY, APRIL 24 [DAY 81]

The Essence of Sin

READ: Genesis 6:5

“The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.”

THINK ABOUT IT: How did our hearts become evil?

READ: DD- 81

READ: James1:14-15

“But each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.”

Think Deeper: What is sin?



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MONDAY, APRIL 27 [DAY 82]

The Origin of Sin

READ: Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

²*The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”*

⁴*“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*

⁶*When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.*

THINK ABOUT IT: What was the source of sin?

READ: DD- 82

READ: Genesis 4:6-7

⁶*Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”*

Think Deeper: What is our relationship to sin?



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TUESDAY, APRIL 28 [DAY 83]



The Transmission of Sin

READ: Romans 5:12

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.

THINK ABOUT IT: What does this verse say about how sin is transmitted?

READ: DD- 83

READ: Deuteronomy 24:6

¹⁶ Parents are not to be put to death for their children, nor children put to death for their parents; each will die for their own sin.

Think Deeper: What does this tell us about the nature of sin?



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APRIL 24-30, 2026 [WEEK 17]
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 [DAY 84]



Total Inability

READ: James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

THINK ABOUT IT: Is it possible for us to resist sin?

READ: DD- 84

READ: Romans 7:14-20

¹⁴ We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. ¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature.^u For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

Think Deeper: What do these verses tell us about the power of sin?



**DAILY
DOCTRINE**

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THURSDAY, APRIL 30 [DAY 85]



Human Nature in its Fourfold State

READ: Romans 6:20-23

²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THINK ABOUT IT: Can you map out the path of life from these verses?

READ: DD- 85

READ: John 5:24

²⁴ "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life."

Think Deeper: Do you agree with the "Fourfold State" mentioned in the book?