



“The tempter promised that eating the fruit would open Adam’s and Eve’s eyes, but he did not say what they would see. They saw themselves as sinners devoid of their original beauty. They saw good and evil only from the standpoint of sinners. They became like God in that their natures were fixed, but God was confirmed in holiness while they were confirmed in sinfulness. They knew good but were unable to do it; they also knew evil but were unable to resist it. This is what depravity is all about; this is the human dilemma.” (John J. Davis)

THE CREATION OF MAN

In whose image and likeness was man created (Genesis 1:26-27)? _____

Note: Since man was created in God’s image, there is a resemblance between God and man. This means that man is a personal being with intellect, emotion, and will; that man is a moral being with knowledge of right and wrong; and that man is a spiritual being with the capacity for fellowship with God.

What was the condition of man’s original creation in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1:31)? _____
_____ Also read Ecclesiastes 7:29.

THE FALL OF MAN

Eve is often blamed for mankind’s fall into sin (Genesis 3:1-7). But what does the Bible have to say about Adam’s role in the fall (Genesis 3:17-19)? _____

What happened to Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God (Genesis 3:6-7)? _____

THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL

Read Romans 5:12-19. As a result of disobedience to the revealed will of God, man became a sinner. Find three negative effects of the fall on the human race.

- 5:12-15 _____
- 5:16-18 _____
- 5:19 _____

Read Ephesians 4:17-19. To demonstrate the total depravity (see note below) of mankind, how does the Bible describe this hopeless condition? _____

Note: Total depravity does not mean the unregenerate is totally insensitive in matters of conscience or is as sinful as he can possibly be. It means the entire person is affected by sin, that his heart is not inclined toward God, and he is completely unable to free himself from his sinful condition.

Since Paul describes us as being “dead in transgressions and sins” (Ephesians 2:1-3), is it possible for us to save ourselves by our good works (Ephesians 2:8-9)? _____

In this condition, how do we stand before a holy God (Romans 3:10-12, 23)? _____
