Complete In Him

Text: "If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it." (Genesis 4:7)

Belgic Confession article 15: We believe that by the disobedience of Adam original sin has been spread through the whole human race. It is a corruption of all nature—an inherited depravity which even infects small infants in their mother's womb, and the root which produces in man every sort of sin. It is therefore so vile and enormous in God's sight that it is enough to condemn the human race, and it is not abolished or wholly uprooted even by baptism, seeing that sin constantly boils forth as though from a contaminated spring.

Nevertheless, it is not imputed to God's children for their condemnation but is forgiven by His grace and mercy—not to put them to sleep but so that the awareness of this corruption might often make believers groan as they long to be set free from the "body of this death."

Therefore we reject the error of the Pelagians who say that this sin is nothing else than a matter of imitation.

Intro: Knowing evil	
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I. Original Sin	
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II. Now what?

By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks. (Hebrews 11:4)

III. Redemption

Adam & Christ

Application 1: Guilt

Application 2: Pollution

Application 3: Complete in Him

For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, (Colossians 2:9-10)

Yes, now the soul can look on itself with one eye and look upon Christ with another and say, Indeed, it is true; I am an empty soul, but Christ is a full Christ; I am a poor sinner, but Christ is a rich Christ; I am a foolish sinner, but Christ is a wise Christ; I am an unholy, ungodly, unsanctified creature in myself, but Christ is made of God "unto me, wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30). --John Bunyan