

The Fall & Salvation of Man – The Fourth/Fifth Statement of Fundamental Truths

Text: Genesis 2:7-8, 15-18 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. 8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. 18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Romans 5:12, 17-19 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

Introduction: We are in our Fourth Sermon on the subject of Fundamental Truths– TONIGHT – The Fall of Man & The Salvation of Man: The 4th and 5th Statement of Fundamental Truths

The previous non-negotiable tenets of faith sermons were:

- .01 *The Bible is the Word of God - inspired by God, without error, & reliable/trustworthy for our faith.*
- .02 *There is Only One God as revealed in Scripture as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*
- .03 *The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ*

NEXT SERMON: The Ordinances of the Church - Water Baptism & Holy Communion

Pentecostal teaching has a sound SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION!

Why Sound Christian Doctrine Matters – Christian doctrine matters because:

- (1). It answers important & essential questions about God, sin, salvation, and eternity.
- (2). It shapes our life as we put biblical teaching into daily practice.
- (3). It teaches us how to confront & overcome the sin within ourselves and how to fight against evil.
- (4). It teaches us how to identify false doctrine and how to keep our soul safe from eternal loss.
- (5). It unifies Believers with true and common beliefs to form sound Christians Churches.

I. Two Questions: (1) DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE BIBLE'S ACCOUNT OF CREATION? & (2) DO YOU BELIEVE IN ORIGINAL SIN?

The answer to these questions are of utmost importance to our Faith in God & to our own Salvation!

(1). Many People Today do not believe in the Creation of the World as recorded in Genesis:

Gallup Poll dated 7/22/24: Majority Still Credit God for Humankind, but not Creationism

- 24% of U.S. adults - God not involved in human origins – accept the theory of evolution.
- 34% of U.S. adults - humans evolved but with God's guidance.
- **only 37%** - believe in Creationism - God created man in his present form in the last 10k years.
- **only 24-26%** of college graduates believe in Creationism.
- **only 61%** of U.S. adults **who attend church services WEEKLY or MORE** believe in Creationism.
- **only 50%** of U.S. adults **who attend church services NEARLY WEEKLY** believe in Creationism.

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(2). **DO YOU BELIEVE IN ORIGINAL SIN?** **Romans 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Barna National Survey dated 9/20/25: American are Deeply Confused about Sin (ref.: Christian Today)

- **only 43% of American believe that sinful actions arise from an inherently sinful heart.**
- **75% of Americans believe that people are “basically good at heart.”**
- **only 62% of Americans agree with the biblical definition that sin is, at its core, rebellion against God’s divine authority.**

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II. True Faith in Christ has always been a small number compared with the rest of the World:

Luke 13:23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Matthew 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

- **only about 2% of the world’s population in Jesus’s day were Jewish** (ref.: Wikipedia)
- **only 23 to 25% of adults in America are Evangelical Christians today** (ref. Pew Research Center)
- **only 5 to 8% of world’s pop. are Evangelical Christians** (ref.: Overseas Ministries Study Center)

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III. The Fall of Man is a NON-NEGOTIABLE Foundational Truth for faith in the rest of the Bible!

Please note what would happen if you remove the first 3 chapters of Genesis from the Bible:

- **The account of Creation would be open to anybody’s opinion or belief!**
- **The record of (OUR) God as the Creator of heaven and earth would be removed!**
- **The record of God’s Curse upon man and the world would be unknown!**
- **Free Will would be a mystery!**
- **Satan’s deception in the Garden of Eden would be unknown!**
- **The story of Original Sin would be unknown!**
- **Fallen Man would still be separated from God, but not know why!**
- **Jesus first coming to redeem man as the Second Adam could not be adequately explained!**

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

IV. Things Lost by the Adams’ Fall in the Garden of Eden:

1) Our place in Paradise -- Paradise Lost/Paradise Regained (poem by John Milton (1608-1674)

Genesis 3:23-24 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. **So he drove out the man;** and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

2) The Divine Blessing – A CURSE was substituted for a BLESSING

The Curse of the Earth: **Genesis 3:17-19** And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Note: a typical cubic foot of top soil in a garden or farm field often holds thousands of viable weed seeds waiting for light and water to germinate. Broadleaf weed seeds can stay alive and capable of sprouting for decades or even centuries. A typical garden weed plant will produce anywhere from 10,000 to over 100,000 seeds per year. (ref.: Goggle AI)

3) Women Lost – Genesis 3:16 *Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*

4) Fellowship with God and Death – Genesis 2:17 *But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely die.***

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V. The Salvation of Fallen Man through Jesus Christ is a NON-NEGOTIABLE Foundational Truth! Paradise Regained through Jesus Christ:

Romans 5:17-19 *For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Hebrews 10:4-10 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, **Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.** Then said I, Lo, I come in the volume of the book it is written of me, to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; **Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

VI. Quickly, and in Closing -- A Few BASIC Biblical Facts about Salvation by Faith in Jesus Christ:

(1). Jesus Christ is the ONLY PATH to the God of the Bible and the ONLY WAY to obtain Eternal Salvation!

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

(2). Salvation through Jesus Christ is a free gift - no human effort required or accepted!

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the **gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

(3). FAITH in Christ as our Savior & an acknowledgement of our sins is required for True Salvation!

Romans 10:9-10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

I John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(4). The Holy Spirit must be present to CONVICT & DRAW a person to accept Jesus Christ in Salvation!

John 12:32 **And I**, if I be lifted up from the earth, **will draw all men unto me.**

John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

(5). Salvation cannot be EASILY LOST but it must be maintained until the end to receive Eternal Salvation!

Hebrews 6:4-6,9,11 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

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