

Humanity Falls

Just after the story of creation, the Bible tells us the story of humanity's fall. The immediate result of Adam and Eve's disobedience in the Garden of Eden was alienation from God and relational discord. It released sin and brokenness into the world with all the strife, suffering, and decay we see around us to this day. Together, let's examine the second major theme of the Bible, the Christian doctrine of the fall. Drawn from both Old and New Testament Scriptures, this theme emphasizes the catastrophic impact of sin on humanity and creation and clearly articulates our universal need for a Savior in Jesus Christ.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- How would you define *original sin*?
- Where do you observe brokenness or suffering in your life or in the world around you?



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READ [Genesis 2-3](#), [Romans 5:12](#), [Romans 8:20-22](#), [Romans 3:9-23](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 1, host Scott Hoezee describes original sin as covetousness. Do you agree with his assessment? Why or why not?
- In segment 2, the doctrine of original sin is defined as having two main components: corruption and guilt. How are these two components different from each other?
- Where do you notice the distorted nature of sin in your life? What idols replace God?
- In segment 3, Scott and host Darrell Delaney presented three compelling reasons for owning up to and acknowledging our sins. What were they, and how do you see them manifest in your life?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Isaiah 53](#), [Romans 1-3](#), [Galatians 5:19-21](#)

CONCLUSION

The doctrine of the fall is foundational to the Christian understanding of the world and ourselves. It explains why the world is not as it should be and why we experience pain, conflict, and death. But even more importantly, it clarifies our desperate need for redemption. As we reflect on the story of humanity's disobedience in the garden and the pervasive effects of sin, we are not left in despair. Instead, we are pointed toward the hope of salvation through Jesus Christ. Recognizing both the guilt and corruption of sin leads us not to shame but to the grace that restores and renews. When reflecting on the fall and your own sinfulness, how do you hold the appropriate tension between owning and acknowledging sin while remembering that the fall is not the end of the story, but rather the backdrop that makes the gospel shine all the more brightly?

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