

Lesson # 3 -- The Effects of the Fall of Man (2).

Introduction

- A. In the Fall the divine warning, ". . . thou shalt surely die" became a frightening experience and reality. Man became a creature of death. Genesis 2:17; Romans 5:12; 6:23
- B. Sin and death has brought an entirely new dimension into the human race. Man is now alienated -- an enemy of God, a stranger, a rebel and without hope. Ephesians 2:12; Colossians 1:21.

I. The Fall has produced spiritual death in all of its fullness.

A. Alienation from God.

- 1. Condemnation with its conviction, John 3:18; 16:8; Rom. 2:14,15.
- 2. Depravity with its inability, Eph. 2:1-3,12; 4:18; Rom. 3:10-18.
- 3. Enmity with its rebellion, Deut. 1:26,43; Isa. 1:2-6; 63:10; Rom. 8:7.
- 4. Meaninglessness with its idolatry, Eph. 5:3-6; Col. 3:5,6; I Peter 4:3.
- 5. Ignorance with its perversion, Rom. 1:21-32; Eph. 4:18,19; I Peter 1:14.
- 6. Separation with its enslavement, Eph. 2:1-3,12,13; 4:18; Col. 1:21.

B. Alienation from mankind.

- 1. Romans 1:29-31; I Cor. 3:3; James 3:14-16; Titus 3:3.
- 2. Instead of being characterized by love and trust, there is discord, suspicion, jealousy and hatred.

C. Alienation from ourselves.

1. Phil. 2:21; Rom. 1:31; II Tim. 3:2-4; Titus 3:3.

2. Instead of loving and accepting ourselves as God intended, we now vascillate between making ourselves an idol through self-love or an enemy through hatred.

II. The Fall has produced physical death in all of its fullness.

A. Gen. 3:19; Rom. 5:12; 6:23; 8:20-23; II Cor. 5:1-4; James 1:15.

B. Instead of physical and mental well-being, man is characterized by weakness, sickness, suffering, and eventual separation of soul and body.

III. The Fall has produced eternal death in all of its fullness.

A. Romans 5:12-14; Rev. 2:11; 20:6,14; 21:8.

B. Instead of being born into a life of unending fellowship with God, man is born separated from God which will eventually terminate, except for the grace of God, in eternal separation from God.