

The Risk of Our Father

The Eternal Plan

The Creation of Persons
(Angels and Humans)

The Necessity of Choice

The Value and Power of Love

Our Father's "Plight"
(Accept Our Choices)
(Permit Bad Results)

The Reality of Satan and His Kingdom

Seeks the Savior's Place

Offers Pleasure and Power
(He is the God of this World)

Seeks to Prove Christianity False

Seeks to Hinder Believers

The Condition of the Unbeliever

Unrighteous
Guilty
Separated from God
Excluded from the Kingdom
A Foreigner to the Covenants
Condemned to Death
Spiritually Blind and Deceived
Enslaved by Satan
A State of Hopelessness

Introduction

A. At the beginning of human history, the divine warning, "You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die " (Gen 2:17) became a frightening experience and reality. We are creatures of death.

B. Sin and death brought an entirely new dimension into the human race. We who once were in a living relationship with God are now separated from Him, an enemy of God, a stranger, a rebel, and without hope (Rom 5:6-10;

6 *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

9 *Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!*

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Eph 2:12;

12 *remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.*

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Col 1:21).

21 *Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.*

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C. Biblically speaking, sin is a shortcoming

(James 4:17),

17 *Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.*

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The Believer's Wretchedness

Redeemed—But often in Bondage

Reason
The Presence of "The Law of Sin"
Rom 6:6; 7:23

The Biblical Key
Surrender to the Lord Jesus and His Cross
Rom 6:6-15

Daily Choose to Reject Sin and Obey God
Eph 4:22-24

The Results of the Fall/Sin

In Regard to God
Alienation
Condemnation
Conflict

In Regard to Mankind
Strife
Competition

In Regard to Ourselves
Self-Centeredness
Bondage
Meaninglessness
Hopelessness

In Regard to Satan
Ownership
Deception
Enslavement

A Problem: The Presence and Power of Sin

Terminology:
"Body of Sin"
"Sinful Nature"
"Flesh"
"Law of Sin"

Character:
An all-pervasive, profoundly motivating
proneness to sin. A disposition toward evil as a
pattern of thought and action that attaches itself to
almost every fact and function of life.

and a transgression

(1 John 3:4).

4 *Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.*
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We are unrighteous in that we have not obeyed
God's Word (Law)

(Rom 3: 10),

10 *As it is written:*
"There is no one righteous, not even one;
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and we are guilty in that we have disobeyed Him

(Rom 3 :23).

23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*
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I. The Risk of Our Heavenly Father.

- A. Within God's eternal plan to exalt the Lord Jesus, there was the "necessity" for the creation of various persons, who would have a personal relationship with the Savior. Such persons would be very different from the other types of God's creation.
- B. Such a relationship, would have to involve choice in that love would be the highest, the most powerful and satisfying element in the relationship. But to give to such persons the power of choice would mean they could not only choose to love God but they could choose not to love Him. And that was the "risk" God would have to take.
- C. As a consequence our Lord would have to allow such bad choices to be made and allow the effects of those choices to continue. He could not cancel the choices or the effects without violating the personality of His creation and disrupting His own plan.

“The Flesh” in the Believer

A Defiling Presence
 An Enslaving Presence
 Produces Resistance
 A Spiritual Infection
 Causes Distortion and Deception
 A Door for Satanic Vulnerability

**Destructive Power of Sin
 (Sample Only)**

Matt 13:22 – Deception (Eph 4:22)
 Mark 7:20-23 – Unclean (Defiles)
 Rom 7:23 – Wages War/Prisoner
 Heb 2:14,15 – Slavery (John 8:34)
 James 1:14 – Dragged Away/Entices/Death
 1 Pet 2:11 – Wars Against the Soul

God’s Provision Regarding Sin

The Lord Jesus --	Our Holiness
The Crucifixion --	Our Cleansing
The Resurrection --	Our Enablement
The Holy Spirit --	Our Power
The Word of God --	Our Blueprint

Necessity of Daily Choices

<i>Kingdom of Light</i>	<i>Kingdom of Darkness</i>
Holiness	Unholiness
Love	Self-Centeredness
Truth	Error
John 8:32	John 8:34

II. The Creation of Angels and Their Choice.

A. A great number of angels were created to worship and serve the Lord Jesus

(Heb 1:6;

6 *And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”*
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Rev 5:11).

11 *Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.*
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They do not have physical bodies and are very powerful.

(Ps 103:20).

20 *Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.*
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B. One of the most exalted angels, perhaps given the privilege of leading the others in worship and service, is described in Ezekiel 28: 12-14.

12 *“Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: “You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.*

13 *You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared.*

14 *You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.*
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It appears he sought to exalt himself, perhaps to that of equality with the Lord Jesus, and therefore became sinful (Is 14: 12- 15;

- 12 *How you have fallen from heaven,
O morning star, son of the dawn!
You have been cast down to the earth,
you who once laid low the nations!*
- 13 *You said in your heart,
"I will ascend to heaven;
I will raise my throne
above the stars of God;
I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,
on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain.*
- 14 *I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High."*
- 15 *But you are brought down to the grave,
to the depths of the pit.*
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Ez. 28: 15-19).

- 15 *You were blameless in your ways
from the day you were created
till wickedness was found in you.*
- 16 *Through your widespread trade
you were filled with violence,
and you sinned.
So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God,
and I expelled you, O guardian cherub,
from among the fiery stones.*
- 17 *Your heart became proud
on account of your beauty,
and you corrupted your wisdom
because of your splendor.
So I threw you to the earth;
I made a spectacle of you before kings.*
- 18 *By your many sins and dishonest trade
you have desecrated your sanctuaries.
So I made a fire come out from you,
and it consumed you,
and I reduced you to ashes on the ground
in the sight of all who were watching.*
- 19 *All the nations who knew you
are appalled at you;
you have come to a horrible end
and will be no more.'"*
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From Rev 12:4

- 4 *His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born.*
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We see that he may have been able to convince a third of the angels to follow him in his rebellion. Today we know him as Satan and his followers as demons. They represent the "dominion of darkness" (Col 1: 13).

13 *For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,*
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C. The present endeavor of Satan is to tempt, accuse, deceive, and hinder believers

(Matt 4:3;

3 *The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."*
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Rev 12:9,10;

9 *The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.*

10 *Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:
"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Christ.
For the accuser of our brothers,
who accuses them before our God day and night,
has been hurled down."
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1 Thess 2:18).

18 *For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan stopped us.*
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Note John 8:44;

44 *You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*
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Acts 5:1-11;

1 *Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. 2 With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. 3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? 4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God." 5 When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. 6 Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. 7 About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" "Yes," she said, "that is the price."*

- 9 *Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."*
- 10 *At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. 11 Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.*
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Eph 6:12-19;

- 12 *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.*
- 19 *Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,*
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Col 2:15;

- 15 *And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*
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2 Tim 2:25,26;

- 25 *Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.*
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and 1 Peter 3:8.

- 8 *Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.*
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III. The Creation of the Human Race and Our Choice.

A. We were created in the image of God and given the ability of choice

(Gen 1 :26,27; 2: 15-17;

- 26 *Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."*
- 27 *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."
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Eph 4:24;

24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
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Col 3: 10).

10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.
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B. By creation Adam and Eve were in a living relationship with God. They were told to obey Him completely and they had the ability to do so. There was only one prohibition. They were not to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

(Gen 2:15-17).

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."
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C. Adam was placed in a probationary position whereby he represented all other members of the race. When he chose to sin against God, the whole human race fell in him

(Gen 2:15-17; 3:19;

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

*19 By the sweat of your brow
you will eat your food
until you return to the ground,
since from it you were taken;
for dust you are
and to dust you will return."
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Rom 5:12-14).

*12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned— 13 for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.
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D. The consequences of sin**1. Legal consequences.**

- a. The loss of the living relationship with God - original righteousness. As a result we are all in a state of unrighteousness

(Rom 3: 10).

10 As it is written:

"There is no one righteous, not even one;

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- b. The imputation of guilt. Sinning against God is a transgression that places the sinner in a state of guilt

(Rom 3:23).

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

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2. Experiential consequences.

- a. Alienation from God.

1). Sin produced **condemnation with its conviction**

(John 3:18; 16:8;

18. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up,

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Rom 2:14,15).

14 (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, 15 since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.)

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2). Sin produced **depravity with its inability**

(Eph 2:1-3; 12:4-18;

1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying

the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

- 4 *Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*
- 5 *Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. 6 Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. 7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, 8 because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.*
- 9 *And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.*
- 10 *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.*

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Rom 3:10-18).

- 10 *As it is written:*
11 *“There is no one righteous, not even one;*
12 *there is no one who understands,*
13 *no one who seeks God.*
14 *All have turned away,*
15 *they have together become worthless;*
16 *there is no one who does good,*
17 *not even one.”*
- 18 *“Their throats are open graves;*
19 *their tongues practice deceit.”*
20 *“The poison of vipers is on their lips.”*
- 21 *“Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.”*
- 22 *“Their feet are swift to shed blood;*
23 *ruin and misery mark their ways,*
24 *and the way of peace they do not know.”*
- 25 *“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”*

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3). Sin produced **enmity** with its rebellion

(Is 1:2-6; 63:10;

- 2 *Hear, O heavens! Listen, O earth!*
3 *For the LORD has spoken:*
4 *“I reared children and brought them up,*
5 *but they have rebelled against me.*

Lesson #13—The Warning of Our Father (2)

- 3 *The ox knows his master,
the donkey his owner's manger,
but Israel does not know,
my people do not understand."*
- 4 *Ah, sinful nation,
a people loaded with guilt,
a brood of evildoers,
children given to corruption!
They have forsaken the LORD;
they have spurned the Holy One of Israel
and turned their backs on him.*
- 5 *Why should you be beaten anymore?
Why do you persist in rebellion?
Your whole head is injured,
your whole heart afflicted.*
- 6 *From the sole of your foot to the top of your head
there is no soundness—
only wounds and welts
and open sores,
not cleansed or bandaged
or soothed with oil.*
- 10 *Yet they rebelled
and grieved his Holy Spirit.
So he turned and became their enemy
and he himself fought against them.*
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Rom 8:7).

7 the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.
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4). Sin produced **meaninglessness** with its idolatry

(Eph 5:3-6;

- 2 *But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. 4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. 5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.*
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Col 3:5,6;

- 5 *Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.*
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1 Peter 4:3).

- 3 *For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.*
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5). Sin produced ignorance with its perversion

(Rom 1:21-32;

- 21 *For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.*
- 24 *Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.*
- 26 *Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.*
- 28 *Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.*
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Eph 4:18,19).

- 18 *They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. 19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.*
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6). Sin produced separation with its enslavement

(Eph 2:1-3,12,13; 4:18;

- 1 *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.*
- 12 *remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.*
- 18 *They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.*
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Col 1:21).

21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.
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c. Alienation from mankind.

Instead of being characterized by love and trust there is intuitive and spontaneous discord, suspicion, jealousy, envy, and hatred among us

(Rom 1:29-31;

29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless.
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Titus 3:3).

3 At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.
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In our self-centeredness we tend to destroy one another

(Phil 3:18,19;

18 For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.
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James 3:14-16).

14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.
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c. Alienation from ourselves.

Instead of loving and accepting ourselves we now vacillate between making ourselves an idol through self-love or an enemy through hatred

(Rom 1 :28-32;

28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and

malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.
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2 Tim 3 :2-4).

2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—
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Conclusion: Instead of physical, spiritual and mental well-being, we are characterized by weakness, sickness, suffering and eventual separation of soul and body. Instead of being born into a life of unending fellowship with God, we are born separated from Him, which will eventually terminate, except for God's grace, in eternal separation from Him.

Rom 6:23;

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
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2 Cor 5:1-4;

1 Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. 2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, 3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. 4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.
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Rev 20:6,14).

6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.
14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.
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