

Theology for Coaches

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Original Sin Lesson 3

<p>The creative work of God naturally expressed the goodness of God</p>	<p>The original creation revealed the goodness of God</p> <p>Sin invaded and corrupted God's creation, it is alien to His original design</p> <p>Read Genesis 1:4,10,12,21,25 and 31 (notice the constant refrain)</p>
<p>God covenanted with humanity</p>	<p>Humanity differed from the rest of creation because it was created in the image of God</p> <p>God made a covenant with humanity in which they were to care for the garden and only be restricted in their access to one tree</p> <p>Adam and Eve broke their covenant with God, killing natural spirituality and alienating themselves from God</p> <p>Read Genesis 2:16-17, 3:6</p>
<p>The theology of Adam's sin</p>	<p>In Adam's breaking of the covenant humanity experience both physical and spiritual death</p> <p>Ephesians teaches that humanity now exists in a state of spiritual death</p> <p>Humanity's natural spiritual state is one apart from God and is often called "Total Depravity"</p> <p>Total Depravity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is universal, affecting everyone • Turning from God's goodness, rightness and glory

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It expresses itself in bitter human speech and violent behavior • It spawns ruin and misery <p>Read Romans 5:12 Read Ephesians 2:1-3 Read Romans 3:10-18 Read Romans 6:23</p>
<p>The theology of inability</p>	<p>Adam's sin leaves mankind unable to seek God on their own</p> <p>For man to seek God, man must be made alive to God through the work of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Jesus taught that men do not come to Him on their own but are drawn to Him</p> <p>Read Ephesians 2:1 Read Romans 3:10-11 Read John 6:44</p>

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Conversation Starters

- 1. What is the origin of Sin and how is it contrary to God's original design?**
- 2. How does Adam's breaking of God covenant affect us today?**
- 3. What does it mean that humanity is totally deprived?**
- 4. How do the consequences of Adam's sin affect our ability to seek God?**
- 5. How does understanding total depravity affect my relationship with God?**