

Getting Started

1. When something is broke do you try to fix it or do you go out and buy a new version of it?
2. What is it like putting something back together again? Is it as good as new?
3. Is the gift of grace we have in Jesus truly free?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

5. Belgic Confession Article 15: The Doctrine of Original Sin

We believe that by the disobedience of Adam original sin has been spread through the whole human race.³⁰ It is a corruption of the whole human nature—an inherited depravity which even infects small infants in their mother's womb, and the root which produces in humanity every sort of sin. It is therefore so vile and enormous in God's sight that it is enough to condemn the human race, and it is not abolished or wholly uprooted even by baptism, seeing that sin constantly boils forth as though from a contaminated spring. Nevertheless, it is not imputed to God's children for their condemnation but is forgiven by his grace and mercy—not to put them to sleep but so that the awareness of this corruption might often make believers groan as they long to be set free from the "body of this death."³¹ Therefore we reject the error of the Pelagians who say that this sin is nothing else than a matter of imitation.

³⁰ Rom. 5:12-13 ³¹ Rom. 7:24

What are your thoughts of this doctrine?

6. Read 1 Cor. 15:20-28. This passage also speaks of death in Adam and life in Christ. What is it teaching?
7. When Adam and Eve sin God lays out their punishment (Genesis 3:14-19). What is it?
8. In Romans 5:17 we read that believers will reign in life through Jesus Christ. In 1 Cor. 6:2 Paul makes another statement about the reign of the righteous. What does it mean?

Application

9. We often think of salvation as God fixing our brokenness, but that is an incomplete picture. In Jesus Christ we are given new life. Our sin is not merely forgiven, it is taken from us and we stand before God justified through the blood of Jesus Christ. God has done a good work in you through Jesus Christ giving you new life, do not minimize this free gift.

Praying Scripture

Ephesians 1:16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, **17**that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, **18**having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, **19**and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might **20**that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, **21**far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

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And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:16-17

- **The consequence of sin is _____, both _____ and _____.**

- **Adam's act brought _____ and _____; Christ's brought _____ and _____.**

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