

## Week 3: Anthropology – Sin and the Fall

### 1. The Creation and Dignity of Humanity

- 1) Humans were created in the image of God (*Imago Dei*) (Genesis 1:26–27).
- 2) Humanity was given the mandate to rule and steward creation (Genesis 1:28).
- 3) Originally, humans were created in righteousness and holiness, designed for fellowship with God.

### 2. The Origin and Nature of Sin

- 1) Sin originated from disobedience to God (Genesis 3).
- 2) The essence of sin is a shift from God-centeredness to self-centeredness.
- 3) Paul describes sin not merely as acts, but as a dominating power (Romans 5:12; 6:14).
- 4) Sin corrupts the entire being of man—intellect, emotions, will, and body (Ephesians 2:1–3).

### 3. Consequences of the Fall

- 1) Separation from God (Spiritual death): "You were dead in your trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1).
- 2) Distortion of the human mind and heart: The heart becomes darkened and truth is rejected (Romans 1:21–25).
- 3) Broken human relationships: Conflict between Adam and Eve, and the murder by Cain.
- 4) Curse upon creation: The ground is cursed; pain and death enter the world (Genesis 3:17–19; Romans 8:20–22).

### 4. Original Sin and Its Inheritance

- 1) All humanity is considered sinful in Adam (Romans 5:12, 5:19).
- 2) Paul emphasizes that humans are sinners by nature, not just by action.
- 3) Sin is inherited and universal: "There is no one righteous, not even one" (Romans 3:10).

### 5. Human Inability

- 1) Fallen humanity is incapable of approaching God on its own (John 6:44).
- 2) Paul describes humanity as "slaves to sin" (Romans 6:17).
- 3) Salvation is entirely based on God's grace and sovereign initiative

(Ephesians 2:8–9).

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Reflection and Application

- 1) Do I believe that I am a precious being created in God's image?
- 2) In what areas of my life is sin exercising its power?
- 3) Do I deeply recognize that my salvation is entirely by the grace of God?