

INTRODUCTION: THE FALL IN ADAM! (see Mt.12:11; 15:14; see 2Pt.3:17)

I. THE HISTORY OF THE FALL: NON-FICTION (see Is.43:27; Hos.6:7; Rom.5:12f; 1Cor.5:21; 2Cor.11:3; 1Tm.2:14)

A. ANGELIC REBELLION (Jn.8:44; 2Pt.2:4; Jude 1:6; see Heb.2:16)

B. MAN DECEIVED TO PARTICIPATE (Gen.3:1f; see 2:15f; Jn.8:34; Rom.6:20f; Col.3:13)

II. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL: ALIENATION IN ADAM (Gen.3:24f; Rom.5:12f)

A. THE WHOLE IMAGE (Gen.1:26; 3:8 / 2:17; 3:24; 5:1f; see Habb.1:13; Ps.22:1f(2Cor.5:21); garden/covering; tabernacle/veils)

B. THE WHOLE RACE (Rom.5:12f; 3:9f; Eph.2:1-3; see Gen.5:1f)

C. THE WHOLE PERSON (Mt.15:18f; Jer.17:9; Ps.51:5)

D. THE WHOLE SOCIETY (Gen.4:1f; Rom.1:24f; 2Tim.3:1f; Tt.3:3)

E. THE WHOLE CREATION (Rom.8:18f; see Gen.3:16f)

III. THE REMEDY FOR THE FALL: RECONCILIATION IN CHRIST (Rom.5:10f; 2Cor.5:17f)

A. RENEWED IMAGE (Heb.1:2,3; Col.1:19; 2:9; 3:10; see Heb.9:7f; 10:22,19f; Rev.21,22(Gen.3:24))

B. RENEWED RACE (1Pt.2:9; see Gen.7:13f (1Pt.3:20; 2Pt.2:5); Rom.5:12f)

C. RENEWED PERSON (Col.1:13; 2:12; 3:9,10; 5f,12f; see Rom.(5:12f); 6:1f,11f; Eph.4:22f)

D. RENEWED SOCIETY (Eph.2:15,11f; 4:12-16; 5:21f; Mt.5:13-16)

E. RENEWED CREATION (2Cor.5:17f; Rom.8:21f; Rev.21,22)

CONCLUSION: THE RISE IN CHRIST! (Rom.5:12f; Gen.3:24&Heb.10:20; see Eph.2:1-3&5-10(5:14); Col.1:13a&b(Dt.6:23); 2:12a&b; 2:20&3:1; 3:9&10; 3:5f&12f)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE, FAMILY AND SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP

Suggestions: Don't feel obliged to use every question or every part of every question. Go through and discuss those that are of greatest interest to you. Then consider going back and discussing those that may also be useful, including those that may have seemed a bit difficult. In all questions, keep the outline before to identify entries relevant to the question and to look up appropriate verses listed.

1. What most surprised, puzzled or impressed you from this sermon?
2. What was most helpful? Why? How will you apply it in your daily life?
3. What verses covered were most helpful? How so?
4. What is the fall? Who fell?
5. How does it relate to creation? to redemption?
6. Read through the *Shorter Catechism* Q&A #12-20. What in these questions do you find particularly helpful?
7. Is the fall of many history or myth? Why?
8. What preceded man's fall? How is this related to man's fall? What is unique to man in this?
9. How does man's fall affect
 - a. His relationship with God?
 - b. His relationship with other people?
 - c. His own being?
 - d. His relationship with the rest of creation?
10. What hope is there for fallen man?
11. How does this affect
 - a. His relationship with God?
 - b. His relationship with other people?
 - c. His own being?
 - d. His relationship with the rest of creation?
12. How are Christ and Adam similar? How are they different?
 - a. Who is related to Adam? How?
 - b. Who is related to Christ? How?
13. How did Christ completely reverse the work of Adam?
14. Are you in Adam by nature or in Christ by grace? (see Lk.11:13)