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THE IMPUTATION OF ADAM'S SIN

In the same moment that soul life is imputed, the second real imputation occurs as a result of Adam's deliberate sin in the Garden. Adam's original sin is imputed to its home, the sin nature. This is real imputation because there is an affinity between Adam's sin and Adam's trend or sin nature, between his act of disobedience and the corruption that it caused in him. The result of this imputation is that we are all born physically alive but spiritually dead. This imputation makes the cross possible, it makes salvation possible, it lays every advantage each one of us will enjoy in time or eternity.

Adam's original sin plus a sin nature equals spiritual death. But these two factors come to us in different ways. Adam's sin directly imputed by the justice of God at the moment of physical birth, his sin nature is passed down genetically through the male procreation. The genetically formed sin nature is the home for the imputation of Adam's sin and the result of this affinity is spiritual death for all members of the human race except Christ¹.

Spiritual death is not only total separation from God and a complete lack of relationship with Him but also the first function of the justice of God in condemning the fallen man. Our initial relationship with the justice of God is spiritual death because justice must condemn before it can bless. God condemns sin. Hence God is not the author of sin, Adam is. To implicate God with sin is blasphemous. God is neither the source of sin nor does He sponsor sin, tempts to sin or ever failed to judge sin. A perfect God could create only perfect creatures. When God create Adam and Eve there was no sin, and no sin nature existed not until the fall of man.

God gave the original man and woman everything they could have ever needed to remain in a sinless status. If Adam and his wife had not decided of their own free wills to eat from the forbidden tree, god would have continued to perpetuate the Age of Perfection indefinitely. Although Satan was the first sinner among all God's creature, Adam was totally responsible for the fall of man.

The immaterial soul that comes from the hand of God is perfect and that is true for the original couple and in us. The soul is instantly tainted only because it comes under the corrupting influenced of the old sin nature. In Adam, this contamination occurred at the moment he sinned, in us at the moment of physical birth. The creation of the human soul, their imputations to biological life, and its consequent corruption by the imputation of Adam's original sin occur simultaneously. The human soul never preexists before uniting with the body.

At birth, we became facsimiles of Adam at the Fall. We became slaves of the sin nature. Adam was the ruler of the world and the authority over the woman. He was the head of the

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human race as it existed in the Garden and consequently was the federal head of all mankind but he gave up such leadership because of the woman. Even though the woman was the first to disobey, it is his sin, not hers that plunges mankind into condemnation.

Since we were seminally in Adam, through his own choice, he fell under the sovereignty of the sin nature (1 Corinthians 15:21-22). Adam was created first and assigned as the head of mankind. The woman was deceived while Adam knew exactly what he was doing when he sinned (1 Tim 2:13-14)

Adam sinned deliberately and with a perfect knowledge of what he was doing.

The sin of Adam carries Adam's three sinful trends:

The trend toward sin: which tempts the believer to all kind of sin

The trend toward good: which tempts the believer to produce human good

The trend toward evil: which is the intensification of the other two trends, the good and evil (Genesis 2:17).

Adam's original sin becomes the sin of every human being. His condemnation becomes the condemnation of everyone in this planet. His nature after the Fall becomes our nature before spiritual birth. Sin nature or old sin nature is not part of the soul, but resides in every cell of our body (Romans 6:6, 12:7:7-18, 8:3-5, Ephesians 4:22). Men are spiritually dead not because of their personal sins but because they possess the old sin nature (OSN).

We are all condemned before we sinned, and we sinned personally only as result of our spiritual death never as the cause. OSN condemned the human race. Our condemnation come at the moment we are born physically not at the moment we sin (Romans 4:8, 5:13). We are born spiritually dead; we are born candidates for the grace of God. God is able to save us before we sinned and He is able to save anyone who dies prior to reaching God's consciousness.

Our condemnation and human good works has nothing to do with our receiving of blessings from God. We do not have to impress God in anyway. There is nothing we can do by our own power and ability to change our status before God. God can accept only His own righteousness. We became sinners not by our own sin but by the sin of Adam. We become acceptable to God by the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. The old sin nature is not endemic to the soul but resides instead in the cell structure of the human body. OSN is also called:

The flesh (Romans 7:7-18)

The body of sin (Romans 6:6)

The sin that reigns (Romans 6:12)

The old man (Eph. 4:22, Col. 3:9)

The sin nature is both material and immaterial. The material part is its residence in the cell structure of the body. The immaterial part is the function of its specific trends toward sin, toward human good and toward evil. We refer to these three specific trends collectively as Adam's trend or Adam's sinful trend.

Everyone's sin nature includes all three of these specialized trends that function in different combinations at different times. The specific trend toward sin tempts the believer to produce all categories of personal sins, mental, verbal and overt. The trend toward good

tempts you the believer to produce human good, which includes all attempts to earn salvation or the approbation of God.

It also includes all human production apart from the filling of the Holy Spirit, and all misguided efforts to improve the world for the welfare of man. The trend toward evil is the intensification of the other two trends good and evil. Good and evil is not only the policy of Satan as the ruler of the cosmic world system but also the function of the sin nature as the sovereign of human life.

On the material side, the sin nature resides in the mortal human body, contaminating every cell's structure or function. Every human chromosome also carries the sin nature and each microscopic chromosome in every cell is contaminated with Adam's sinful nature. The only remedy is to get rid of this mortal body.