

ESSENTIAL D.O.C.T.R.I.N.E.

(What Every Christian Should Know)

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“O—Original Sin” Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-15

Why is this world so full of sin (evil) and suffering? The answers in our American culture range from circumstances, to conditioning, to our chromosomes as the cause of our sin. The various solutions offered are politics, economy, education, counseling and self-help. What if our circumstances, conditioning and chromosomes aren't the cause of our sin and suffering but only magnify something that is already inside of us? The Bible says that our problem is much deeper, and it is called Original Sin because all of us have inherited a sin nature that goes all the way back to the garden of Eden.

What is the CAUSE of Our Sin?

- It is doubting God's Commandments and Character. Gen2:16-17, 3:1-3; 2Cor4:4; 11:3
- It is a failure to trust God's Wisdom and Love for your life. vv4-5; James 1:13-17
- It is putting ourselves in the place of God (Self-centeredness). v6; Rom1:25

What Are the CONSEQUENCES of Our Sin?

- Spiritual Alienation v8b; Rom3:23; 6:23
- Psychological Alienation v7a; James4:1b; Gal5:25-26a; Phil2:3
- Social Alienation v7b, 12-13, 16b; James4:1-2
- Physical Alienation vv16a-19; Rom8:19-22; Eccl1:2-3

What is the CURE to Our Sin?

- The Mercy of God's Heart. vv9, 11, 13; Ex34:6; Ps103:8
- The Justice of God's Hand. v15; Rom3:25-26
- The Grace of God's Healing. v21; Heb9:22; Rom5:1, 10

Growing Notes

- 1) What are some of the answers given in our American culture for why our world is so full of sin and suffering? Many believe that evil can be overcome through psychological, sociological, political or educational means. What are your thoughts and feelings about that?
- 2) Read Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-15. What are your observations from this text?
- 3) What is the cause of our sin? Review the answers from the sermon notes along with the corresponding text and cross references. Do you ever feel like God is holding out on you and doesn't have your best interests at heart? Explain. How do you typically respond?
- 4) What are the consequences of our sin? Take time to review the answers from the sermon notes along with corresponding text and cross references. How has doubting God's goodness leading us to take God's place created a domino effect of consequences in our life's i.e. Spiritually->Psychologically->Socially...?
- 5) What is the cure to our sin? Review the answers from the sermon notes along with the corresponding text and cross references. Nothing can transform a human heart, heal a wounded soul, turn hatred into love, bring about forgiveness, reconciliation and peace like the Gospel (Rom1:16)! What difference would it make in our culture if people believed that? Pray.