

## ***Of The Fall of Man, of Sin, of the Punishment Thereof (Romans 5:12)***

*Baptist Confession of Faith (1689) Chapter 6, Paragraphs 1-5*

### **The Doctrine**

*The Covenant of Works (Paragraph 1) – Gen. 2:16-17*

- God created the man and woman upright and **perfect**.
- God gave the man and woman a righteous **Law**.
- God placed the man under a **Covenant of Works** – if he kept the law, he would be continue in perfect union with God; if the law was broken, the man and woman would surely die.
- Adam is the federal head, meaning the **covenant representative**, of all mankind.

*The Fall (Paragraph 1, 2) – Gen. 3:6-19, 6:5; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 3:10-19*

- Satan, using the subtlety of the serpent, seduced the woman, and then she her husband, to **willfully** transgress the law of their creation.
- By their sin, the man and woman fell from their original righteousness and **communion** with God.
- Death and sin came upon **all** creation, all becoming dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body.
- The fall of man was permitted according to the wise and holy counsel of God, having purposed to order it to His own **glory**.

*Union with Adam (Paragraph 3) – Rom. 5:12-19; 1 Cor. 15:20-21*

- Their sin, guilt, and subsequent corruption are **imputed** (meaning ascribed by virtue of like nature) to all mankind.
- Every person is united to **Adam** in transgression of God's Law.

- In our union with Adam, **all** are the servants of sin and the subjects of death, and all other miseries (spiritual, temporal, and eternal), unless the Lord Jesus sets us free.
- Our union with Adam has created the **need** for union with Christ.
- The imputed righteousness of Christ in **justification** is **greater** than the imputed guilt of Adam by nature!

*Total Depravity (Paragraphs 4, 5) – Eccl. 7:20; Rom. 7:21-25; Eph. 2:1-3*

- From this original sin, we are **completely** indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil.
- The corruption of **sin** remains, in this life, in those who are regenerated.
- Through Christ, our sin is **pardoned**.
- Through the Spirit, our sin is put more and more to **death**.
- Yet even our sanctified works carry with them **sin**.

**Application:** *'How many things are necessary for you to know, that you in this comfort may live and die happily? Three things. First, the greatness of my sin and misery. Second, how I am redeemed from all my sins and miseries. Third, how I am to be thankful to God for such redemption.'*

*(Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question 2)*

- 1) Confession of **Doctrine**
- 2) Confession of **Sin**
- 3) **Faith** in Christ
- 4) **Hatred** of our Sin
- 5) Living in **Gratitude**