



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

**Series:** Being Human Pt2

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### The Image of God: Fallen

*10 As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;  
11there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks  
God. 12 All have turned away, they have together become  
worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.*

*Romans 3:10-12.*

#### 1. What is sin?

- A definition.
- Images: Lawless, transgression, rebellion & disobedience, perversion, missing the mark, failure to glorify God.

#### 2. The origins of sin.

- Original sin & being in Adam.
- What did we inherit? Bad example? corrupted nature? Guilt?
- Pelagius vs Augustine.

#### 3. Sins Effects.

- The most devastating consequence is death.
- The problem of guilt.
- Estrangement from God.
- Degradation
- Enslavement & hardness of heart.
- Hardness of heart.

1. Read Romans 3:9-18. What does this passage reveal about the human condition before God? What does it reveal about the effects of sin and the universality of sin?
2. Read Genesis 3:1-9. How would you describe the serpents approach to seducing Eve and Adam into sin? What did he say and what in the end won them over?
3. Read Genesis 3:10-22. What are the effects of sin in this passage?
4. Read it: Ephesians 2:1-3. What does this passage reveal about sin, who is in it, and its effects on the human condition?

**A. Meditation & application**

5. What according to these passages is the origin of sin? What are the ongoing effects of this origin story?
6. We tend to be more adept in seeing sin, in others than we are in seeing it in ourselves. How can we cultivate spiritual disciplines in our lives that help us to take an “honest look in the accountability mirror- to see and deal with our own sin?
7. Do you think that Adam left us with something more than a bad example? What does the problem of “*original sin*” mean for us and for those we love?
8. What do you think contemporary narrative around the concept of sin?
9. How could you talk about the concept of sin without using the word and how could you communicate the concept in a manner that someone might be willing to talk about it?

Heavenly Father; Your assessment of humanity is that we are “full of sin,” and in need of divine grace. Reveal to us our sin- bring conviction into our minds and help us to take grateful refuge in Christ. In Jesus Name- Amen.