

The Fall (Genesis 3)

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Who is the serpent?

Revelation 12:9

Revelation 20:2

Why did Satan use a serpent?

Genesis 3:1

Isaiah 6:2

“Here there is another question. Perhaps it can be discussed with less danger but with greater profit. It is: ‘Why does Scripture make this account so obscure? Why does it not rather state directly that the angel who had fallen entered the serpent, was speaking through the serpent, and deceived Eve?’ But I answer: ‘This account is so obscure in order that all things might be held over for Christ and for His Spirit, who was to shed light throughout the entire world like the midday sun and to open all the mysteries of Scripture.’ Because this Spirit of Christ was in the prophets (1 Peter 1:11), the holy prophets understood such mysteries of Scripture.”¹

Original Righteousness	Original Sin
Where does it come from?	Where does it come from?
Does man have free will in spiritual matters?	Does man have free will in spiritual matters?
How is man righteous before God?	How is man righteous before God?

¹Luther, M. (1999, c1958). *Vol. 1: Luther's works, vol. 1 : Lectures on Genesis: Chapters 1-5* (J. J. Pelikan, H. C. Oswald & H. T. Lehmann, Ed.). Luther's Works (Ge 3:2). Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House.

The Image of God

Proper and Wide Sense (Genesis 1:26)

Consequences of the Image of God

The Purpose of the image of God

Original Sin

Hereditary Guilt

Hereditary Corruption

Romans 5:12-21

“Those who reject the imputation of Adam’s sin as an injustice are compelled, if they would be consistent, to declare the imputation of Christ’s righteousness to be an injustice and to reject it; thus they take their stand outside the pale of Christianity” (Pieper, *Christian Dogmatics vol. 1*, 539).

Theodicy

Why does God permit evil?

You are the evil that God permits, but not forever.