



"GET A GRIP ON YOUR FAITH"



DOCTRINE #4: THE CREATION & FALL OF

Match the Following Theory with Its Definition

Here are 5 theories that either deny, misconceive, or minimize the nature of sin.

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| A. Atheism | _____ | The theory of life which maintains that the highest good in life is the securing of pleasure and avoidance of pain, that the first question to be asked is not, "Is it right?" but "Will it bring pleasure?" |
| B. Determinism | _____ | This theory says that sin is not a positive thing, but simply the absence of good. |
| C. Hedonism | _____ | Regards sin as the heritage of man's primitive animalism. |
| D. Christian Science | _____ | The theory which affirms that free will is a delusion and not a reality. |
| E. Evolution | _____ | In denying God, this theory also denies the existence of sin. |

Statement of Faith #4



We believe that man was created good and upright. However, man willfully sinned and thereby was subjected not only to physical death but also to spiritual death, which is separation from God. Read Gen. 1:26-27; 2:17; 3:6; Rom. 3:23; Rom. 5:12-19.

God Created Man

- **According to Genesis 1 and 2, what did God create or do on each of the seven days?**

Day 1: _____

Day 2: _____

Day 3: _____

Day 4: _____

Day 5: _____

Day 6: _____

Day 7: _____

- **How did God feel about His creation?** Note Gen. 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31.
- **What did God do to man in Gen. 2:7? How does this make man different from animals?**
- **According to Gen. 2:21-23, why do we believe woman is just as much a spiritual creature as man?**
- **In Gen. 1:26-27, what does it mean when it says we are created in God's image?**



The Serpent, Satan & Sin

- **What did God forbid, and why?** (Gen. 2:16-17)

- **How is Satan described in Gen. 3:1 and John 8:44?**

- **What method did Satan use to tempt Eve?**

- **Compare 1 John 2:16 with Genesis 3:6. On the left side of the chart below, list the three things Eve liked about the tree of knowledge of good and evil. On the right-hand side, list the three categories of sin listed in 1 John 2:26. Notice the close relationship between the two sides.**

The tree was ...

<u>Genesis 3:6</u>	<u>I John 2:16</u>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

- **We can overcome temptation. Read God's promises found in 1 Cor. 10:13 and James 4:7.**

- **Temptation is not a sin, but giving into temptation is a sin.** (James 1:14-15)

- **What were Adam and Eve's immediate reactions to their sin?**

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- **God's Word instructs us to admit our sin and confess it. 1 John 1:9**

- **When man fell and sin entered the world, what two forms of death became a reality?**

This was not in God's original plan. Our bodies fail and we die. Nature has been contaminated as well. Every area of our human existence has been adversely affected by sin. Every person is born a sinner (Rom. 3:23).

This means eternal separation from God. Read Rev. 20:14-15. "But glory to God He has provided a way for us to escape Spiritual death and that way is Jesus Christ our Lord."