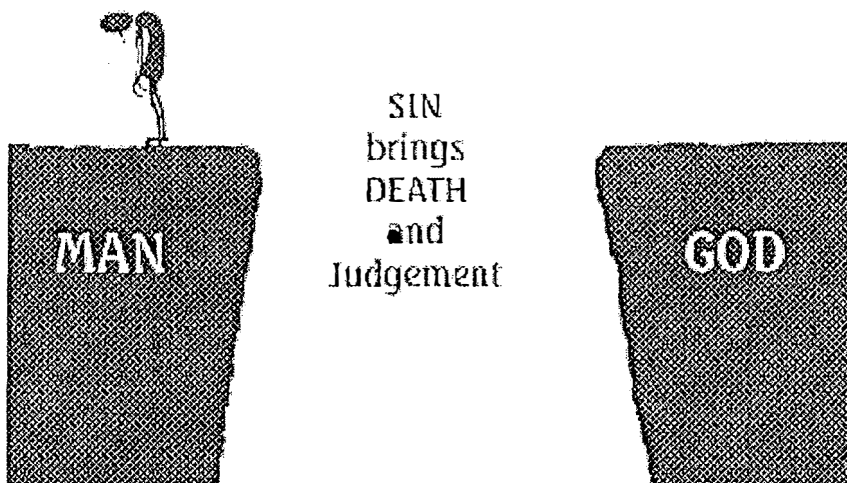


CHAPTER 1

The Day Man Sinned

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12)



The day man sinned has influenced every moment of history.

What are the last three words of Genesis 3:6? _____ Those three words describe an event which completely changed our world! This earthshaking event had consequences and results that were **far, far greater** than the invention of the wheel, the discovery of America by Columbus, the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the landing of a man on the moon or almost any other event in history!

Who does the word "he" (Genesis 3:6) refer to (see Genesis 2:23 and 3:9)? _____
 What simple command had God given to Adam (Genesis 2:16-17)? _____

Does the Bible say that this forbidden fruit was an apple? _____ What three words in Genesis 3:6 describe the terrible sin and disobedience of Adam? _____

You might say, "Adam sinned thousands of years ago. So what? What does that have to do with me? Adam's sin does not affect me and my world, does it?" The important answer to these

questions is found in Romans 5:12: "Wherefore as by _____ (Adam) _____ entered into the world, and _____ by _____ and so _____ passed upon _____ men (does that include you?), for that _____ have sinned (does that include you?)."

Yes, the results of Adam's sin can be seen and noticed almost everywhere we look! Today we live in a fallen, sinful world, with fallen sinful men, women, boys and girls who are all marching to the grave (Genesis 3:19)!

Think about the following occupations, and then explain how Adam's sin has created the need for such occupations: 1) policeman; 2) doctor; 3) judge; 4) soldier; 5) pastor; 6) missionary; 7) undertaker; 8) detective; 9) life insurance salesman; 10) nurse. Can you think of other occupations?

What institutions or businesses or buildings exist as a direct result of Adam's sin? Examples: jails, funeral homes, life insurance companies (based on the well-known fact that everyone dies!). Can you think of others?

What are some things you might read in the newspaper or hear on the radio which show the results of Adam's sin in our world today? Examples: a bank robbery, wars and fightings, the obituary page of the newspaper. Can you think of others?

In school, can you see the results of Adam's sin? Examples: a student being disciplined, cheating, bullying. Can you think of other things?

As you listen to people talk, can you discover some of the results of Adam's sin? Examples: dirty language, swear words, lying. Can you think of other examples?

As you observe the world of nature, can you see the results of man's first sin? Compare Romans 8:19-22. Examples: animals killing and being killed; natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, volcanoes. Can you think of other examples?

As you drive along in a car, what might you see that would remind you of man's first sin and its terrible results? Examples: a cemetery, a liquor store, a fatal car accident. Can you think of other things you might see?

How do the following items remind you of Adam's sin and its consequences? 1) a will (a legal document); 2) a safe or vault or safety deposit box; 3) a totem pole; 4) fossils; 5) clothing (see Genesis 2:25 and 3:7).

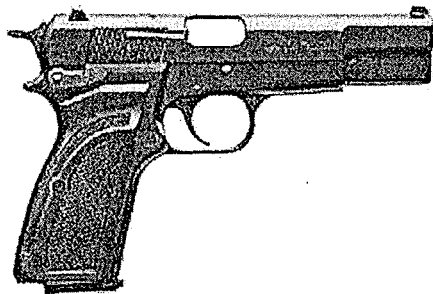
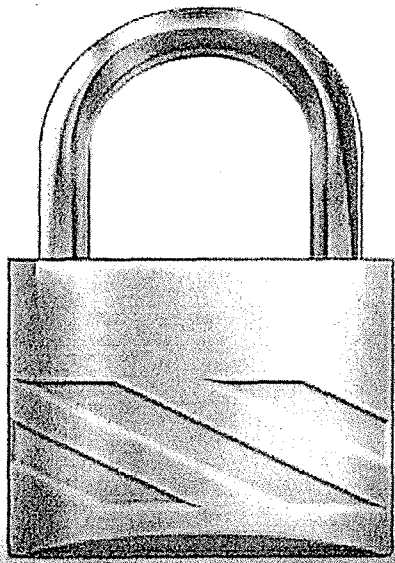
Can you see the results of Adam's sin in your own life (in the things you do and do not do, in the things you say and do not say, in the things you think, in your dealings with others, etc.)? How has the fall of man affected you?

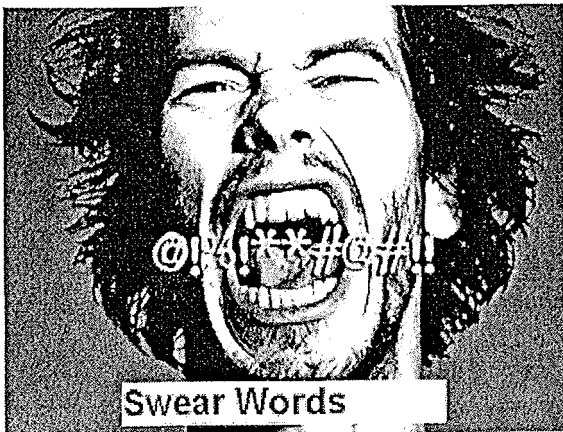
Has God done anything to overcome the terrible results of man's sin? Yes, God has provided His Son to be our Saviour: "For as by _____ man's (Adam's) disobedience _____ were made _____ (does that include you?), so by the obedience of _____ (the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ) shall many be made _____ (Romans 5:19). "For as in _____ all _____, even so in _____ shall all be made _____" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

Consider the following "special days." How do they remind us of Adam's sin? 1) the Fourth of July (our independence following a war with England); 2) Labor Day (see Genesis 3:17-19); 3) your birthday (growing older and getting one year closer to your "death day"); 4) Memorial Day (remembering those who have died for our country); 5) Veteran's Day (to honor those who have fought in wars); 6) Christmas (see 1 Timothy 1:15); 7) Easter or Resurrection Day (see Romans 4:25 and 1 Corinthians 15:22).

Someone has once said: Long ago Adam sinned and he was lost. Christ came into the world to seek and to save lost Adam, and when He came He found that Adam had many, many children. *Are you one of Adam's lost children?* Read Luke 19:10 and be found today!

How do the following pictures remind us of sin?





Something to remember:

● **Wrong Is Wrong, Even if we don't get caught.** Let us remember "the eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (*Prov. 15:3*).