

ORIGINAL SIN

WE BELIEVE, as SCRIPTURE clearly teaches, that by Adam's fall (**Genesis 3:1-15**), sin came into the world through one man and death through sin. (**Genesis 5:1-3**)

And so death spread to all men, because all have sinned. (**Romans 5:12**)

This inherited sin we were born into this world with; from conception even. (**Psalms 51:5; etc.**)

Apostle Paul confesses in (**Romans 7:18**); *"For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh..."* (See also **Psalms 14:2-3; Romans 3:10-13, etc.**)

Elsewhere Paul explained in (**Ephesians 2:1-3**) that we are by nature children of wrath in God's sight; dead in our trespasses and sins.

The fruits of this sinful nature include, murdering, lying, sexual immorality, adultery, slander, stealing, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, divisions, drunkenness, etc. (**Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:9, etc.**)

Martin Luther preached on the first Sunday after Easter; *"This now is the first work of God; that we know ourselves and how condemned, miserable, weak and sickly we are. [Romans 3:20]*

"It is then good, and God's will, that a man desponds and despairs of himself when he hears: 'This you shall do and that you shall do.'

"For everybody must feel and experience in himself that he does not and cannot do it.

*"The law is neither able nor is it designed to give you this power of obeying it; but it effects what St. Paul says: **"The law worketh wrath," (Rom 4:15)...**"* (1)

(1) Martin Luther's 2nd Sermon, First Sunday after Easter, of True Godliness, on **John 20:19-31**

PASSAGES OF THE DAY

(**Jeremiah 17:9**); *"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?"* (**See Genesis 6:5**)

Reflect upon these passages this week; (**Job 14:4; Romans 3:23-24**)

NOTABLE QUOTE

*"Therefore, when you begin to believe, you learn at the same time that all that is in you is utterly guilty, sinful, and damnable, according to that saying, **"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"** (Rom. iii. 23), and also:*

"There is none righteous, no, not one; they are all gone out of the way; they are together become unprofitable: there is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Rom. iii. 10-12).

"When you have learned this, you will know that Christ is necessary for you, since He has suffered and risen again for you.

"That, believing on Him, you might by this faith become another man, all your sins being remitted, and you being justified by the merits of another, namely Christ Alone.

Martin Luther: **"On Christian Freedom"** 1520AD

NEXT WEEKS THEME

Two Foundational Biblical Truths. One clue – **John 3:16**.

The answer next week!

* Other than quotes, all passage - ESV