

MAN, SIN, ATONEMENT, SALVATION

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SECTION 1 - MAN

A **Origin of Man.**

1. **ADAM - AN HISTORICAL FIGURE**

To the New Testament writers Adam was as much an historical person as our Lord Himself. *Rom 5:14-18, 1Cor 15:22,45, 1Tim 2:13,14, Jude 14, Lk 3:38, Gen 3:20, 2Cor 11:3.*

2. **ALL MANKIND FROM A SINGLE HUMAN PAIR**

The Word of God teaches the descent of the race of mankind from a single human pair who was created by a free purposeful act of God. *Gen 1:26-28, Gen 2:7,8,22, Ac 17:26, Gen 3:20, Rev 4:11, Jn 1:1-3, Rom 1:20, Heb 1:2.*

[With regard to the unacceptable, unproven theory of “evolution”, see No 28 – “The Existence of God”, EKB Revised July 1987]

3. **RECREATION FROM CHAOS**

The Creation record of Genesis 1 is often considered, by leading Bible teachers, to be a re-creation from a state of chaos, caused by Divine judgment, on an original previous creation. [For details of this teaching see No 89 – “How Old is the Earth and where do the Dinosaurs fit in?” EKB, May 1991]

4. **“CREATION” IN SIX DAYS**

Gen 1:1 - Gen 2:3, Gen 2:4-9, 15-25, 1Tim 2:13.

Days of 24 hours in length, *Ex 20:8-11.*

Creation by the spoken word, *Heb 11:3, Ps 33:6,9*, i.e. Before God’s act of Creation there was no other material existence.

5. **MAN – “CROWN” OF GOD’S CREATION**

The Word presents man as the crown of God’s creation, *Gen 1:26-28, Ps 8:4-9, Heb 2:5-8.* Man was made in the “image” and “likeness” of God to reflect the glory of God into the earth. He was created with personality, self-consciousness, power of abstract thought, a spiritual nature, a moral resemblance to God, authority to rule and a hope of immortality. What God is in infinite degree man was in finite measure.

GOD – LOVE, RIGHTEOUSNESS, WISDOM, AUTHORITY, CREATIVE etc.

Man - love, righteousness, wisdom, authority, creative etc.

6. **MAN - TO GOVERN AND RULE THE CREATION**

Gen 1:26,28, Ps 8:6-8, Ps 115:16, Heb 2:7,8. God, who has all authority, delegated a part of His authority to man - that was rule and have dominion over the earth.

7. **MAN - TO BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY AND REPLENISH THE EARTH, *Gen 1:28.***

8. **ADAM’S FOOD AND WORK**

God gave Adam every herb for food, *Gen 1:29*.

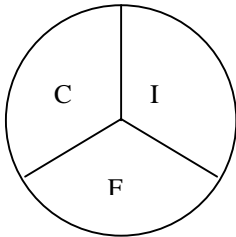
Adam's work was to till the ground, *Gen 2:5*, and to act creatively with God, *Gen 2:15*.

He was not labouring under the curse of frustration, *Gen 3:17-19*.

B Triune Nature of Man

Scripture teaches that man consists of a spirit, soul and body in *1Thes 5:23*, *Heb 4:12*, *Lk 1:46,47*, *Gen 2:7*, *1Cor 2:11,14*, *Pro 20:27*, *Ecc 12:7*. Some references in the Word indicate an overlap between the spirit and the soul of man so we cannot be too dogmatic. e.g. *Eph 4:23*.

SPIRIT



1Thes 5:23

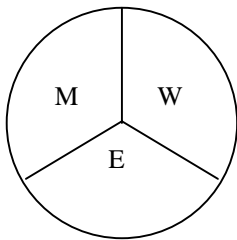
C conscience, *Rom 9:1*, *1Tim 1:5*.

I intuition, hearing God's Word *1Cor 12:8*.

F fellowship with God, *Phil 2:1*. This is the centre of man's being - here God's Spirit dwells in man's spirit.

Our spirit contacts God, *1Cor 6:17*, *1Cor 3:16*.

SOUL



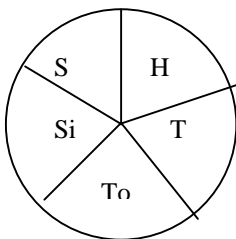
M mind *Rom 12:2*

W will *Phil 2:13*

E emotions *Mk 12:30*

Our soul or personality to contact other people.

BODY



1Cor 9:27

S smell

H hearing

T taste

To touch

Si sight

Body under control - 5 senses to contact the world.

Each part of man's being is to be treated with respect, care and honour as being vessels or vehicles in which to serve and obey God. *1Cor 6:19,20*, *2Cor 5:10*, *Rom 1:9*, *Lk 1:46*.

Spirit pneuma - *Rom 8:16*, *2Cor 2:13*.

Soul psuche ("sue-kay") is translated "soul" 58 times and "life", 40 times in the KJV, *Jn 12:25*, *Jn 10:11,15,17*, *Jn 13:37,38*, study *1Cor 2:11,14*.

Body soma - *Phil 1:20*, *Rom 12:1*. The Body is not a temporary abode for our soul and spirit, *1Cor 15:42-55*.

Triunity in Scripture: In the Godhead, (See No 96), Tabernacle of Moses, (No 39), Feasts of Israel, (No 40,86), Leadership Anointings, (No 41,55), The Heavens, (*2Cor 12:2*), Heavenly Lights, (*Gen 1:16*), Growth in Christ, (*1Jn 2:12-14*).

C Adam's Freedom`

Adam was free to act in obedience to God or in disobedience. He was capable of being tempted but under no compulsion to sin. He chose to disobey God's command. Our Lord chose to obey God. Adam was in a better place than us in that he had no inward urge to sin. Adam's righteousness was not an inherent characteristic but it depended upon his continuing obedience to the revealed will of God. As he walked in obedience, God's divine power kept him from harm and evil. Adam's revolt was entirely unnecessary, deliberate and blameworthy, *1Tim 2:14* It was rebellion.

D Immortality of Man

Adam's immortality was dependent upon his continued walk of obedience to God's will. He was not created incapable of death as events made evident, *Gen 2:17*.

E Creation of Man and Woman

Gen 2:18, 21-25.

God created man and woman, joined them together in marriage and commanded them to be fruitful and multiply, to fill the earth and to subdue it, *Gen 1:27,28*.

Mat 19:4-8, God's purpose for men and women is marriage, family and children. (See No 100, "Ministry on the Family", 8/9/91 – EKB 8 pages.)

God's order is given in *1Cor 11:3, Eph 6:1-4, Eph 5:21-33, Col 3:18-21, 1Pet 3:1-7*.

A man and a woman are equal in God, redemption, grace, blessing, salvation, ministry, but in the marriage relationship the woman is to accept, and to fit in with the leadership role that God has chosen for the husband.

The woman's role in the marriage is to encourage, support and inspire the husband to fulfil his leadership responsibilities for the benefit of the family, and to caringly minister to the whole family in its many needs. The wife/mother is the **HEART** of the family.

The man's role is to lovingly and gently lead his wife and family in the ways of God, to provide and protect, and to bring every member of his family to full maturity as a servant of Christ, *Eph 5:25-33, Eph 6:1-4*.

To achieve these ends each member of the family, and in particular the husband and wife, need to walk in the truths of *1Pet 5:5,6, Gal 5:13,14*. Based on a secure identity in Christ, personal significance and self-worth, (No 127), the secret of happiness in the home is for each member to choose to take the place of a servant to the other, *Phil 2:5-7, Lk 9:23*. Love is the cement that binds us in relationship and it is seeking to be a help and a blessing to others. Love is doing good to one another.

God has established five authority figures in human society for its benefit and godly ordering

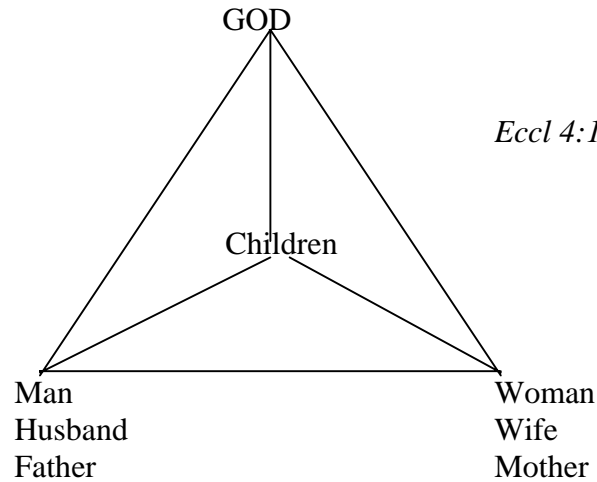
The Government	<i>Rom 13:1-7</i>
The Employer	<i>Eph 6:5-8, Col 3:22-24</i>
The Husband	<i>Eph 5:22</i>
The Parents	<i>Eph 6:1</i>
The Church Elder	<i>Heb 13:17</i> .

Men are more objective and task orientated than women.

Women are more subjective and relationship orientated than men.

Women are more feeling and tender than men.

Men and women are complementary, not in competition, and together they constitute one whole unit, *Gen 2:21-24*. Marriage is for relationship, companionship and the raising of godly children, *Ps 127:3-5, Ps 128:3,4*.



Eccl 4:12 – A threefold cord is not quickly broken

The family unit is dependent upon sound relationship with one another and with God.

SECTION 2 – MAN’S PROBATION - *Gen 2:8,9,15-17*.

God gave man the responsibility of maintaining his relationship with the Lord by loving obedience to His will, as expressed in *v16,17*.

True love can only occur where there is freedom of choice. Forced obedience is not love but slavery. The choice before man centred around the two trees: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The tree of life, *Gen 2:9, Gen 3:22,24, Rev 22:2,14, Rev 2:7, Ezek 47:7,12*, represents Christ and the eternal life (zoe) of God. *Jn 1:4, Jn 3:15,16,36, Jn 4:14, Jn 5:24,29*. Eating of the tree of life is partaking of God’s life through faith and obedience to Christ.

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil is the forbidden fruit of man working out his own way, of self reliance, independence, self-centredness and self will. It is the tree of man-centred “religion”. which consists of laws, striving, self effort and self righteousness. *Gal 3:1-5, Gal 5:1,13, Mat 15:6,9, Mat 16:8, Lk 15:29*.

Man’s choice is always between these two trees. Do we live from the source of life flowing from Christ or from the source of man’s own ability. Choice: *Josh 24:15, 1K 18:21, Deut 30:19,20*. Often when a decision has to be made we need to choose that which is life-giving rather than making a choice between right and wrong. Choose life that you may live! *Deut 30:19*.

The whole system of Politics, Economics, Education, Judiciary, Music, Industry and Trade, Fashion, Literature, Philosophy, Art etc is sourced in the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and is under satan’s authority, *1Jn 5:19*.

God's Covenant with Adam was the only covenant between God and man to be a covenant of righteousness by works. It was made with Adam in his innocence and it depended upon Adam maintaining a walk of perfect obedience to God's Will. *Gal 3:12, Lev 18:5, Rom 10:3,5, Ezk 20:11,13,21, Gal 3:10, (Rom 5:20, Gal 2:16, Rom 3:28).*

SECTION 3 - THE FALL OF MAN

Gen 3:1-24.

v1 Satanic Challenge "has God said ... ?" This is the challenge against faith in God's Word, *Mat 4:3,6*. It was directed against the one, (Eve), without direct revelation of God's Word, and challenged her knowledge of God's Word and her faith. Satan came with lies and deception attacking the "weaker vessel", *1Tim 2:14, 1Pet 3:7*. When serving God cover the "back door" of family and home, *1Cor 11:3-1-10*. We must be ready to withstand satanic attack. *1Pet 5:8,9, Jam 4:7, Mat 10:16, Rev 12:11, Lk 10:19, Jn 10:10a.*

Be able to **STAND** *Eph 6:10-19* in Christ's victory. *Heb 2:14, 1Jn 3:8, Col 2:14, Mat 12:29, 1Cor 15:57.*

Satanic objective is to implicate man in his rebellion, to keep man from what he has lost.

v2,3 Woman's reply. Her reply revealed lack of clear understanding of what God had said (*2:17*) and so was an open target for satan's lies.

v4 Satan's lie. When satan saw the woman's uncertainty he thrust at her a lie that totally contradicted God's Word, *Jn 8:44*.

v5 Satan then hints that God is deliberately aiming to keep them from the best and that if she eats of this tree her eyes will be opened and she will be equal to God.

v6 As in *Jam 1:14*, the woman was drawn away and enticed from God's command and faith by satan's lies, and her attention focused on the forbidden tree. Then "she saw that it was": Good for food as in *1Jn 2:16*, compare *Mat 4:3,4*, Pleasant to the eyes as in *1Jn 2:16* compare *Mat 4:5-7*. Desirable to make one wise as in *1Jn 2:16* compare *Mat 4:8-11*.

All of us are tempted day by day to sin against God, (*1Cor 10:13, Heb 4:15, Mat 4:3-10*) but we do not have to sin. *Jam 1:12-15* indicates the sequence of events by which temptation results in sin:

drawn away from God, faith and truth v14

enticed to sin as we consider the possibility v14 increase of desire to sin v15

conceiving the desire of sin v15

performing the sinful act v15.

The place to deal with temptation is before the drawing away stage and as soon as awareness of the temptation becomes apparent. At this point refuse and cut off the temptation in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and switch your mind from the temptation into a positive confession of God's Word or start interceding for a needy person.

Notice that even after the "Fall" sin was not to rule over man, *Gen 4:7. 1Tim 2:14* tells us that Adam's transgression was more blameworthy than the woman's. His revolt was entirely unnecessary, deliberate and blameworthy rebellion.

SECTION 4 - CONSEQUENCE OF THE “FALL”.

1. *Gen 3:7,8* - The man and woman lost their state of innocence and realised their shame and guilt. At the sound of God’s presence they were fearful and hid themselves from Him among the trees, *Gen 3:9*. Clearly they had had the closest communion with God, *Gen 3:10*. Their close, warm, fellowship with God had now come to an end, broken by disobedience, sin, and rebellion.
2. *Gen 3:11-13* - In answer to God’s challenge concerning their changed behaviour the man blames the woman, and the woman blames the serpent. At this point we can see the character change from being God-centred to being self-centred, refusing to accept accountability for behaviour, and shifting blame from self to others in a self righteous way.

These results of the “Fall” are major:

- a. It is loss of continuous free communion with God and loss of walking in fellowship with Him. *Gen 2:17, Is 59:1, Ps 66:18, Gen 3:22-24*.
 - b. It is character change from God-centredness to self-centredness. This expresses itself in:
 - independence:** man acting independently from God, self determining and doing what is right in his own eyes, *Deut 12:8, Gen 4:3*.
 - self-sufficiency:** man living autonomously as an island unto himself, self sufficient and separate from others around him, *Gen 4:9*.
 - self will:** self will expressed in seeking for the benefit of self, selfish and disregarding the needs of others, *Gen 4:5*.

The law of sin is now in operation as a downward pull in man, *Jer 17:9, Eph 4:22, Rom 8:6,7*.
 - c. It is guilt, shame, and fear in place of righteousness, peace and joy.
3. *Gen 3:14,15* - Judgment is spoken upon satan, and his ultimate end is declared.
 4. *Gen 3:15* - The promise of the **SEED** of woman is the first mention of God’s answer to this tragedy.
 5. *Gen 3:16* - God speaks of new difficulties in the woman’s life.
 6. *Gen 3:17-19* - For the man there will be continuous toil for livelihood against the relentless course of nature, *Ecc 1:2,3, Rom 8:19-23*.
 7. The warning of *Gen 2:17* speaks of sin resulting in death in an ongoing way:
 - a. immediate separation from God which is spiritual death.
 - b. physical death in the process of time *Gen 5:5, Heb 9:27*. In this regard sickness, weakness and disease became common to man.
 - c. Eternal death for all outside of Christ. *Rev 20:13-15, 1Cor 15:22, Ezek 18:4, Mk 9:43-47*.
 8. The authority, which God had given to man to rule over the material creation, now came under the overall control of satanic influences and powers. *Jn 14:30, 12:31, 16:11, Eph 2:2, 6:12, 1Jn 5:19, Col 1:13, 2Cor 4:4*. Satan usurped man’s place over creation.

9. Please note that the image of God in man has not been obliterated but severely marred. Man still has a moral conscience, a rational sense of destiny, and an awareness of immortality and of dominion. *Gen 9:6, Jam 3:9, Heb 2:6-8, Ps 8:4-6.*

SECTION 5 – “THE ATONEMENT”

The central thought is that **of reconciliation** between God and man by means of a **propitiation** through the sacrificial death of Christ.

“**Reconciliation,**” *Rom 5:10,11, 2Cor 5:18-20, Eph 2:16-18*, is the removal of the separation and enmity caused by sin, and the restoration of man to fellowship with God.

“**Propitiation,**” *1Jn 2:2, 1Jn 4:10, Rom 3:25*, is the removal by Sacrifice, of God’s judicial displeasure, caused by sin.

Sin is the transgression of God’s law, or more literally, sin is lawlessness or rebellion, *1Jn 3:4*.

Man’s sin brings him into guilt before God, brings him into Divine condemnation and judgment, and results in man’s complete separation from God for eternity.

Sin also affects man himself by darkening his intellect, deadening his conscience, defiling his heart, distorting his will, disrupting his relationships with others and results in death and eternal separation from God.

Man himself has no ability to meet the demands of God’s righteousness. The gulf between God and man, caused by sin, is so wide that man alone and unaided cannot span the chasm and get back to God.

A mediator is needed, One who is both God and Man, and who also is free from sin. *Job 9:33, Job 33:23, Is 59:16, Rom 3:21-24, 1Tim 2:5.*

HIS NAME IS “JESUS”.

Mat 1:21,23

1Jn 2:1,2

1Pet 3:18

1Pet 2:24

Is 53:5,6

By means of the Cross of Christ, His death and the shedding of His Blood, God has made available to man forgiveness of sin and the restoration of relationship. *1Cor 5:7, Heb 10:12, Eph 2:13, Tit 3:5,6.* The Cross of Christ releases God’s love and mercy to man while at the same time satisfying the righteous requirements of His law, because Christ died as a sacrifice and substitute for man. *Rom 3:26, Ezek 18:4, Gen 2:17, Ezek 18:20.*

The atoning sacrifice of Christ is the central and essential Truth of the Bible. Keep it, at the centre of all life, thought and hope.

Calvary, not Bethlehem, is the centre of gravity in the New Testament.

Benefits of the Atonement.

Full forgiveness and cleansing from all sins. *Eph 1:7, Col 1:14, Rev 1:5, Is 1:18, Is 53:5,6.*

Reconciliation restored fellowship with God, *Rom 5:10,11, 2Cor 5:18.*

Propitiation	freed from wrath and judgment of God because of sin, <i>1Jn 2:1,2, 1Jn 4:10.</i>
Redemption	set free from evil control, <i>Eph 1:7, Col 1:14, 1Pet 1:18,19, Gal 3:13.</i>
Justification	declared righteous in God's sight, <i>Rom 5:1,9, Rom 3:21-26, Rom 4:1-6.</i>

SECTION 6 - SALVATION

By "salvation" we mean:

- immediate spiritual and eternal deliverance, granted by God to those who accept His conditions of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. "I have been saved," *Eph 2:8, 2Tim 1:9, Tit 3:5.*
- ongoing daily deliverance from the bondage of sin, satan and this world system, by the power of God. "I am being saved," *1Cor 1:18, 2Cor 2:15, 1Cor 15:2.*
- the future deliverance of all believers at the second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ from God's judgment and wrath. "I will be saved," *1Pet 1:5, Heb 9:28, 1Thes 5:9, Rom 13:11.*

Generally speaking, "salvation" means all the blessings God bestows on men and women in Christ, by the powerful working of the Holy Spirit, through faith in His Word.

Of course all the benefits of the Atonement become aspects of our "so great salvation," *Heb 2:3*, the moment we repent and believe the Gospel. We are:

forgiven and cleansed from all sins,
restored into full fellowship with God,
delivered from the wrath and judgment of God,
set free from the control of evil,
declared righteous in God's sight.

The Greek words which are translated "save," (sozo), and "salvation," (soteria), have the meaning of deliver, protect, heal, preserve, be made whole, rescue, keep safe. (Strong's and Vines)

Salvation

- from eternal death to eternal life, *Jn 5:24, Jn 3:15-17,36, Jn 11:25,26.*
- from sin, guilt, condemnation to right standing before God, *Rev 1:5, 1Jn 1:7,9, Heb 1:3, Rom 5:9, 2Cor 5:21.*
- from the corrupt fallen nature to the new man in Christ. *Rom 6:1-14, Rom 8:1,2, 2Cor 5:17, Eph 4:22-32, Col 3:1-10, Jn 8:31-36, Gal 2:20.*
- from satanic influence to being led by God's Spirit. *Ps 91, Jn 12:31, Jn 16:11, Heb 2:14, Col 2:15, Jam 4:7, Rev 12:11, Lk 10:19, 1Pet 5:8,9, Eph 6:10-19, Mat 16:18, 2Cor 2:14, 1Cor 15:57, Mk 16:17.*
- from domination by the world system to life in God's Kingdom. *Rom 12:1,2, 1Jn 5:4,5, Jn 16:33, 1Jn 4:4.*
- from untruth and lies to truth, light, and life. *Jn 8:32, Jn 8:12, 1Jn 2:27, Jn 16:13, Jn 14:26.*
- from sickness and disease to health and wholeness. *1Pet 2:24, Lk 17:19, Mat 9:21,22,*

Mk 5:23,28,34, Lk 8:36, Lk 18:42, Ac 4:9, Mk 6:56, Jam 5:13-16, Mat 8:17, Ps 103:3, Pro 4:22, 3Jn 2.

- h. from poverty to all needs being met. *Mat 6:33, Hab 3:17,18, 3Jn 2, Ps 1:1-3, Josh 1:7, Phil 4:19, Deut 28:1-14, Deut 8:5-10.*
- i. from futility to eternal profit. *1Cor 15:58, Is 48:17, Jn 15:16, Ps 1:1-3, Col 3:22-24, 1Cor 3:8-15, Mat 25:21, Ps 138:8.*
- j. from danger and destruction to safety and preservation. *Deut 33:27, Ps 91, Ps 121, Ps 23, Ps 30, Ps 50:15, Mat 14:27-32, Ac 28:3-6, Ac 27:23,24, Mat 8:23-27.*

Salvation is a strong theme of the Old Testament.

Ex 14:13-15, Ex 15:1-3

1Sam 2:1-5

2Chr 20:15-17

Ps 62:1,2, Ps 61:1-4, Ps 18:1-3, Ps 118:14

Is 12:1-3, Is 61:10