

# THE FALL AND REDEMPTION OF MAN

## 1. WHAT is sin declared to be?

“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for *sin is the transgression of the law.*” **1John 3:4.**

## 2. What precedes the manifestation of sin?

“Then when *lust* hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin.” **James 1:15.**

## 3. What is the final result or fruit of sin?

And sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth *death.*” **Same verse.**  
“The wages of sin is *death.*” **Romans 6:23.**

## 4. Upon how many of the human race did death pass as the result of Adam’s transgression?

“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.** “In Adam *all die.*” **1Corinthians 15:22.**

## 5. How was the earth itself affected by Adam’s sin?

“*Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee.*” **Genesis 3:17, 18.**

## 6. What additional curse came as the result of the first murder?

“And the Lord said unto Cain. . . . And *now art thou cursed from the earth,* which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother’s blood from thy hand; *when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength.*” **Genesis 4:9–12.**

## 7. What terrible judgment came in consequence of continued sin and transgression against God?

“And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth. . . . The end of all flesh is come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence.” “And Noah was six hundred years old *when the flood of waters was upon the earth.* . . . The same day were *all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.*” **Genesis 6:7–13; 7:6–11.**

**8. After the flood, what came in consequence of further apostasy from God?**

“And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let Us go down, and there *confound their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech*. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.” **Genesis 11:5– 8.**

**9. Into what condition has sin brought the entire creation?**

“For we know that the whole creation *groaneth and travaileth in pain* together until now.” **Romans 8:22.**

**10. What explains God’s apparent delay in dealing with sin?**

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is *long-suffering to us ward*, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” **2Peter 3:9.**

**11. What is God’s attitude toward the sinner?**

“For *I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth*, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.” **Ezekiel 18:32.**

**12. Can man free himself from the dominion of sin?**

“Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.*” **Jeremiah 13:23.**

**13. What place has the will in determining whether man shall have life?**

“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And *whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*” **Revelation 22:17.**

**14. To what extent has Christ suffered for sinners?**

“He was *wounded* for our transgressions, He was *bruised* for our iniquities: the *chastisement* of our peace was upon Him; and with His *stripes* we are healed.” **Isaiah 53:5.**

**15. For what purpose was Christ manifested?**

“And we know that *He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. . . . He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.*” **1John 3:5–8.**

**16. What was one direct purpose of the incarnation of Christ?**

“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; *that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.*” **Hebrews 2:14.**

**17. What triumphant chorus will mark the end of the reign of sin?**

“And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, *Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever.*” **Revelation 5:13.**

**18. When and by what means will the effects of sin be removed?**

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and *the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*” **2Peter 3:10.**

**19. How will the curse of the confusion of tongues be brought to an end?**

“*For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one consent.*” **Zephaniah 3:9.**

**20. How thoroughly will the effects of sin be removed?**

“And God shall *wipe away all tears* from their eyes; and there shall *be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*” **Revelation 21:4.** “*And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it [the holy city]; and His servants shall serve Him.*” **Revelation 22:3.**

**21. Will sin and its evil results ever appear again?**

“What do ye imagine against the Lord? He will make an utter end: *affliction shall not rise up the second time.*” **Nahum 1:9.** “There shall be *no more death.*” “And there shall be *no more curse.*” **Revelation 21:4; 22:3.**

**NOTE** — That sin exists none can deny. Why it was permitted has perplexed many minds. But He who can bring light out of darkness (**2Corinthians 4:6**), make the wrath of man to praise Him (**Psalms 76:10**), and turn a curse into a blessing (**Deuteronomy 23:5**), can bring good out of evil, and turn mistakes and downfalls into stepping-stones to higher ground. Heaven will be happier for the sorrows of earth. “Sorrows remembered sweeten present joy,” says Robert Pollock, in “The Course of Time,” page 29. In the final outcome it will be seen that all things have worked together for good to them that love God. **Romans 8:28.** Cowper, despondent and about to drown himself, was carried the wrong way by his driver, and went home to write the inspiring hymn below.

GOD moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm.  
Deep in unfathomable mines  
Of never-failing skill,  
He treasures up His bright designs,  
And works His sovereign will.  
Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy, and shall break  
In blessings o’er your head.  
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face.  
Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
And scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter,  
And He will make it plain.

WILLIAM COWPER