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Section: Doctrine of Sin (Hamartiology)

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Q37. What happened to mankind because of sin?**

After the sin of Adam, all people are guilty: born sinful by nature, enslaved to sin, and practice sin willingly and continually; therefore, all are due the just penalty of God’s perfect wrath.

1. Define the term Original Sin in your own words. When we say the term Original Sin, what are we NOT referring to? How is it original?
2. Does learning the doctrine of Original Sin tonight cause any tension in you from what you may have previously been taught? For example: Maybe growing up you were taught that babies are innocent, or that people are inherently good.
3. Define the term Total Depravity in your own words. Why is the word “total” used in the term Total Depravity?
4. Is there anything pure within us? Give an example of how sin affects us as a person (body, mind, will, spirit).
5. God is holy. What is His requirement for us? Why is everyone desperate for the gospel of Jesus Christ?
6. Can society function in ways that appear good if they are totally depraved—enslaved to sin?
7. Are human beings as bad as they could be? What are some constraints in place that don’t allow for humans to be as bad as they could be?
8. Does mankind have free will to choose God? Why not? Define Human Inability.
9. Do humans make real choices? What are our choices determined by?
10. What does it mean to make a practice of sinning? Can Christians make a practice of sinning? Will Christians still struggle with sin?

1. Read Galatians 5:19-21. As believers we’ve all struggled against the works of the flesh. In what ways have you found victory in these struggles?
2. Spend some time in prayer together asking the Lord to help us see these things rightly and to grow in holiness.