

THE TRUTH AND EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S SALVATION

Lesson Sixteen

The Consequences of Man's Fall- Man is Constituted a Sinner

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Scripture: John 9:34, 8:44a; 8:21m, 24b; Psa. 51:5; Gen. 8:21m; 1 John 3:8a, 10a; Matt. 23:33, 3:7b; Rom. 5:12, 19a; 3:23a, 10-12; Gal. 3:22a; Jeremiah 13:23

Memory Verse: John 8:44a; Rom. 5:19

Definition: Constitute- (Webster's Dictionary) to make, give lawful form, compose, to set up or establish.

Introduction: How did you become the particular person you are? (This question refers only to the physical appearance.) You're of a specific height and weight; a certain hair texture and color; a particular skin tone; a specific race or nationality. How did this happen? Well of course you know that you were born into such a being. You had not choice in this matter, but this is your basic constitution or nature. And you have inherited your physical appearance from your forefathers, beginning with your parents and going all the way back, as far as your family or ancestors go.

Today, we'll see that this is not the important aspect of our being. We will see what God looks at and what He says is the real person; what mankind really is.

A. Conceived in sin.

- John 9:34- God says that we are wholly born in sin. Because of this we are constituted sinners, just as it is indicated in the following scripture...
- Psa. 51:5- "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."
- Gen. 8:21m- "...for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth." Here we find that God even repented, (was sorry), that He had created man.

B. Born of the devil.

- John 8:44a- Here God speaks a stronger word, saying that, "You are of your father the Devil..." because you desire to do the things that the devil likes. In Revelations 12:9, the old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, was cast out of heaven with all his angels. He is the one who deceives the whole inhabited earth.
- 1 John 3:8a- "He that commits [practices] sin [habitually] is of the devil." Verse 10 says, "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil."

- Matt. 23:33- God speaks further through Jesus and through John the Baptist, “Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can you escape...?” Again, in verse 3:7b, “...Oh generation of vipers, who has warned you to flee the wrath to come?” The religious leaders (i.e. Sadducees and Pharisees), were called a brood of vipers by God because He knew what was in their hearts.

C. Born to die in sin.

- John 8:24b- Once more God tells us our real condition by stating that, “...if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins.” Surely one could not die in a certain condition if he were not in that condition.

D. Constituted sinners.

- Rom. 5:12- “Wherefore as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin: and so death passed upon all men...” Rom. 5:19a says, “For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners...” And 3:23a confirms that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”
- Rom. 3:10-12- “...there is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good no, no one.”
- Gal. 3:22a- “But the scripture hath concluded [i.e. settled, judged, determined, finalized] all under sin...”

Conclusion: Sin entered into the world and death came through sin. We are all (mankind) constituted sinners by birth, and are all born to die in our sins. The Word of God has concluded and confirmed this. But, there is hope: “...the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.”