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# What is a Christian?

***A Human Being who is not  
"Separated from God"***

## Lesson 6 - What Does God do about our "Inherited" Sin Nature

### The Bottom Line

- *God wanted a relationship with man always & He showed that by the creation of man. (Gen. 1)*
- *God is holy and wanted man to enjoy an eternal lifetime surrounded by holiness & satisfaction.*
- *Man listened to the devil, deemed God a liar, and chose to disobey God's commands.*
- *Man became a sinner at that moment; man became separated from God at that moment.*
- *Holiness and sin cannot fellowship together; man was removed from the garden where God was.*

1. Look at the picture above. What does it say about the current relationship between a holy God & sinful man? \_\_\_\_\_

2.  Yes  No Did you have any choice about being born a sinner?

3.  Yes  No Did your parents have any choice being born a sinner?



*Romans 5:12-13 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way, death came to all men, because all sinned- <sup>13</sup>for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.*

4.  Yes  No On this section of freeway, are all the cars you see going the same way?

5. When you were born on this freeway of humanity (Pretend you are a car), did you have a choice which way you were going to go?  Y  N

6.  Yes  No Does that make you mad?

7.  Yes  No You don't like being a helpless victim, do you?

8. Adam & Eve lived in a perfect environment with God; it would have been that way forever. God asked them to not do one thing; they called God a liar & did it anyway. You are a descendant of Adam; you are welcome; you are a sinner separated from God. Your feelings: \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 3:14 - God said to the serpent, "Because you have deceived the man & woman into sinning, you are cursed ...."*

*Genesis 3:16 - God said to the woman, "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your pain in conception ...."*

*Genesis 3:17-19 - God said to Adam, "Cursed is the ground; you will toil in your harvesting; you will contend with thorns and poisonous plants when eating of the plants; you will sweat to survive, and you will die."*

9. Of the three defendants in the verses above, which one did God CURSE?

10. Which one was the responsible party for giving in to the disobedience?

11.  Yes  No Do you see any love in Genesis 3:17?

Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

12. God was hurt by the reaction of the man here. Why was God hurt? Choose one.
- His beloved creation, man, had made a choice to turn away from Him in disobedience
  - His amazing created universe was far too wicked for God to control anymore.
13. Was God faking His grief when He sent the flood to destroy mankind minus 8 people? (Gen. 6:6) Your thoughts. \_\_\_\_\_



Let's look at this freeway again.

14. How many choices does a driver have on this section of the freeway? \_\_\_\_\_  
*Let's assume the city skyline represents the end of the journey into hell. God knows we were born on the sinner freeway. He doesn't want us on there no more than He wanted to throw Adam out of the garden.*

*Romans 5:8 - God demonstrated His love toward us; Get this: While we were yet sinners [on the freeway], Christ died for us [for our sins that got us on the freeway].*

15. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Does this verse say that man did anything about his sin problem?  
 16. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Does this verse say God did something about our sin problem?  
 17. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Will God do anything to get you and me off this freeway?

WHY DO WE MAKE THIS "CHRISTIAN" THING SO COMPLICATED?

18. Do you think that just because man sinned, God was done with him? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
 19. What did God do in Genesis 3:21 to prove He was not done with man yet?

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20. What did God say to Cain (Gen. 4:15) to prove He was not done with man yet?

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21. What did God say to Noah (Gen. 9:1) to prove He was not done with man yet?

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22. What did God say to Abraham (Gen. 12:2) to prove He still had a plan for man?

DO YOU GET THE POINT? More and more people on the freeway heading to PERMANENT SEPARATION FROM GOD. God is not senile; He still has a plan for man. You don't believe me? Read this:

*Jeremiah 29:11 - God told Jeremiah to tell the people, "I know the thoughts (plans) that I think toward you, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope".*

23. What are four things (underlined) that every human being really wants?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_

24. If I can "hook up" with God somehow, will I get these desires? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

*Psalm 37:3-4 - In addition to trusting God....., delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.*

- "Delight" = Let God soften your heart so that you are pliable to follow His leading.
- "Desires" = That which your heart aches & longs for [it can only come from God].
- God knows our inner desires because He created us in His likeness [image].

25. What is your deepest desire? \_\_\_\_\_

Think About This

- Ever since the garden in Genesis, God has shined light on a few who were searching for Him.
- On the freeway of sinners, God will put off-ramps along the way to give us some choices.
- God does not need us; HE WANTS US [He paid the sin debt to remove being separated from God.
- We inherited sin; God knows it; we got separated; He wants us back because we are "family".
- Any dead fish can float down the river; it takes a live one to struggle against the current.