

2016 Systematic Theology Part 1 Schedule

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THE DOCTRINE OF SIN

I. INTRODUCTION: THE FACT OF SIN

- The world: *our greatest problems are structural*
- Christianity: *our greatest problem is moral*

II. THE PROBLEM OF SIN: GOD'S PERFECT STANDARD

III. SIN IN THE BIBLICAL STORY

- Genesis 3: crucial for understanding whole Bible
- The meaning of sin:
 - Missing the mark
 - Wickedness, perversion, iniquity
 - Transgression, rebellion, crime
- Isaiah 59:2: *"Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear."*
- The solution to sin: Jesus Christ (John 1:29, Matt 1:21)

IV. THE FALL: THE ESSENCE OF SIN (GENESIS 3)

Adam & Eve's sin...

- 1) Sought to redefine the basis for **knowledge**: it gave a different answer to the question, "What is true?"
- 2) Sought to redefine the basis for **moral standards**: it gave a different answer to the question, "What is right?"
- 3) Sought to redefine the basis for **identity**: it gave a different answer to the question, "Who am I?"

V. THE ORIGIN OF SIN

- Sin does not originate in God (1 John 1:5, Hab. 1:13, Jas. 1:13, Deut. 32:4)
- The angelic fall (Jude 6, 2 Pet 2:4)
- God is totally sovereign, yet never the author of sin

VI. A THEOLOGY OF SIN: SEVEN STATEMENTS

- 1) Inherited Guilt: We are counted guilty because of Adam's sin. (Romans 5:12-21)

- 2) Inherited Corruption: We have a sinful nature because of Adam's sin. (Psalm 51:5, 58:3)

- 3) Total Depravity: In our natural state we lack all spiritual good before God. (Gen. 6:5-6, Ps. 14:2-3; Isa. 64:6; Eph. 2:1-3)

- 4) Total Inability: In our actions we are totally unable to do spiritual good before God. (Jer. 13:23, Rom. 8:7-8, 1 Cor. 2:14, 2 Cor. 4:4)

- 5) All are sinful before God. (Ps. 143:2; 1 Kings 8:46; Rom. 3:23)

- 6) A single sin makes us legally guilty before God. (Rom. 5:15, Jas. 2:10-11)

- 7) We deserve God's eternal wrath because of our sin. (Eph 2:3, John 3:36)

VII. CONCLUSION: THE SINLESS SAVIOR
