

Systematic Theology Schedule

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Capitol Hill Baptist Church
CORE SEMINARS

Systematic Theology
SESSION IV
CLASS NOTES

BIBLICAL ANTHROPOLOGY: SIN

Article III, Of The Fall of Man, CHBC Statement of Faith

We believe that Man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but by choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

I. INTRODUCTION: THE PROBLEM OF SIN
(1 Jn. 3:5; Jn. 1:29; Matt. 1:21; Isa. 59:2)

II. THE BIBLICAL VOCABULARY OF SIN

III. THE THEOLOGICAL CONCEPT OF SIN
(Rom. 3:20, 7:7, 14:23)

IV. GOD HATES SIN: BOTH SIN AND SINNER ARE OBJECTS OF HIS WRATH
(Heb. 1:9; Rom. 9; Eph. 2:3; Jn. 3:36; Ps. 5)

(Gen. 6:5-6, 8:21; Ps. 14:2-3; Isa. 64:6-7; Eph. 2:1-3, 4:17-19)

V. THE ORIGIN OF SIN

(1 Jn. 1:5; Hab. 1:13; Jas. 1:13; Deut. 3:24; Ps. 16:4; Eph. 1:11; Gen. 50:20)

Two Biblical Propositions:

- 1) *God is absolutely sovereign, but his sovereignty never functions in Scripture to reduce human responsibility;*
- 2) *Human beings are responsible creatures—that is, they choose, they believe, they disobey, they respond, and there is moral significance in their choices; but human responsibility never functions in Scripture to diminish God's sovereignty or to make God absolutely contingent.¹*

- 4) 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. 14:3, 143:2; 1 Kings 8:46; Rom. 3:23)

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

VI. THE FALL: A CASE STUDY

- 7) There are different degrees of sin.
(John 19:11; Lev. 4:22)

VII. EIGHT BIBLICAL STATEMENTS ABOUT SIN

- 1) Inherited Guilt: We are counted guilty because of Adam's sin.
(Rom. 5:12-21)
- 2) Inherited Corruption: We have a sinful nature because of Adam's sin.
(Ps. 51:5, 58:3)
- 3) In our natures we totally lack spiritual good before God.

- 8) When a Christian sins, their fellowship with God is disrupted and their Christian life is damaged.
(Rom. 6:16; Eph. 4:30)

VIII. THE MORTIFICATION OF SIN

¹ D.A. Carson, A Call to Spiritual Reformation, 148.