

LORD'S DAY 3

4.006 6 Q. Did God create people so wicked and perverse?

A. No. 1 **God created them good and in his own image, 2 that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that they might truly know God their creator, love him with all their heart, and live with God in eternal happiness, to praise and glorify him.** 3

1. Gen. 1:31 – “God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”

2. Gen. 1:26–27 - Then God said, “Let us make humans^a in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth^b and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans^c in his image, in the image of God he created them;^d male and female he created them.

3. 2 Cor. 3:18; - And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Col. 3:10; - and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

Eph. 4:24 - and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

4.007 7 Q. Then where does this corrupt human nature come from?

A. **The fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise. 1 This fall has so poisoned our nature that we are all conceived and born in a sinful condition. 2**

1. Gen. 3;

Rom. 5:12, - Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—

Rom. 18–19 - Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

2. Ps. 51:5; – Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

Gen. 5:3 – When Adam had lived one hundred thirty years, he became the father of a son in his likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.

4.008 8 Q. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil?

A. **Yes, I unless we are born again by the Spirit of God. 2**

1. John 3:6; - What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Gen. 6:5; - The LORD saw that the wickedness of humans was great in the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually.

Job 14:4;15:16, [35]; - Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one can.

how much less one who is abominable and corrupt, one who drinks iniquity like water!

They conceive mischief and bring forth evil, and their belly prepares deceit."

Isa. 53:6 - All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

2. John 3:5 - Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.