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I. The Enduring Reality

- The horror of Adam's sin lies in its impact on every subsequent generation of humanity.
- The consequences extend beyond the immediate devastation to include lasting effects that impact our daily lives.

II. The Lasting Consequences

A. Depravity

- The scriptures speak of the human nature as wholly depraved.
- It is important to know what “Total Depravity” means and what it does not.
- It does not mean that every sinner is devoid of all qualities pleasing to men.
- It does mean that he is prone to every form of sin and is bitterly opposed to God.
- It means that every sinner is destitute of the that love to God which is required by the Law.

Scripture Romans 3:10-18 (ESV)

¹⁰ as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ no one understands; no one seeks for God. ¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” ¹³ “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” ¹⁴ “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” ¹⁵ “Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ in their paths are ruin and misery, ¹⁷ and the way of peace they have not known.” ¹⁸ “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

- It has produced a total spiritual inability in the sinner to change his character and life on his own.

B. Guilt

- Guilt is incurred only through self-chosen transgression, sin in which we have had part in.
- Guilt is also the result of every sin.
- Scriptures recognize that there is different degrees of guilt growing out of different kinds of sin.
- There is a difference of guilt between sins that arise out of our nature and personal transgressions.
- There is a difference of guilt between sins of ignorance and sins of knowledge.
- There is a difference of guilt between sins of weakness and sins of presumption.

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- There is a difference of guilt between sins of incomplete and complete hardheartedness.

C. Penalty

- Penalty is the pain or loss that is directly inflicted on a sinner by the lawgiver.
- Discipline proceeds from love and is intended to be corrective.

Scripture Hebrews 12:6 (ESV)

For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

- Punishment proceeds from justice and is not intended to be corrective.
- Punishment inflicted by the law is not discipline, but just retribution.
- In the scriptures. Death is presented as a three-fold death.
- Physical death is the separation of the soul from the body.
- Spiritual death is the separation of the soul from God.
- Eternal death is the culmination and completeness of spiritual death.