

The Fall

Genesis 3-12

-(**Genesis 3**): The Consequence of Knowledge: Sin

- Why did God banish them from Eden?
(**Now that there is knowledge of evil, evil/sin, can be produced**)
- Can imperfection reside with perfection?
(**Because the imperfection of sin was now present, it could no longer exist with Eden, which was perfect. Sin changed the rules of the game**)

-(**Genesis 4|1-16**):The Consequence of Sin: Death, Separation, Inhumanity

- Is God still present with his creation?
(**Yes, Just because we can no longer take part in perfection, doesn't mean that God doesn't reside with us**)
- What is the consequence of Cain's Sin?
(**Death**)

-(**Isaiah 59|1,2**)

- What is the consequence of a life of sin?
(**Separation from God**)
- Does God choose this separation or do we?
- If a creation ceases to act out it's purpose, does it still retain it's identity?
- Can we be truly human if we are not living out our God given purpose?
(**No, the more we sin the less human we become. Inevitably we can cease to exist as humans, and become something else**)

-(**Genesis 6|5**): Sin then, Sin now:

- Is this verse similar to society today?
(**Yes, we are the same then as now**)
- (**Romans 6|23**): Still all sin.
- This thing we call sin, what does it really mean?
(**hamartia** (ἁμαρτία) **The Ancient greek word for sin, means to "miss the mark", it's an archery term**)

- If someone would want to “aim” for a life that lived according to God’s purpose, who or what would the “mark” be?
(**God/Jesus. To live a life that is constantly reconciling the world back to the intended state, requires us to be like Jesus. When we are not acting like Jesus we are “missing the mark”**)
- What are some ways we can miss the mark, or sin?—Discuss—
- (**Galatians 5|19-21, James 4|17**)

CONCLUSION:

-Sin/imperfection cannot reside with perfection. This, however, does not mean that perfection/God cannot reside with us. We were separated from perfection when we were banished from Eden, but God did not leave us.

-Sin causes death, separation, and inhumanity. When we sin we create imperfection and eventually death will reign. Separation from God is our choice, we’ve seen God does not leave us, we choose it. Finally, when we cease to act the way we were intended to act, we cease to be human.

-Sin then and now are no different. We still commit the same sins and the same consequences apply. Anytime we do not act like Jesus, we are missing the mark and are inviting imperfection into God’s perfect world, thus not helping to make this world the kind of place God intended it to be.