

**Bible Training Institute**

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

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**Hamartiology Part 1**  
The Study of Sin

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**Hamartiology 1**

Antagonism toward the Biblical view of sin

- The view that humanity is basically good
- Philosophy of Determinism
- Moral Relativism
- Sin is an unpleasant subject

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## Definition of Sin:

“Sin is any failure to conform to the moral law of God  
in act, attitude, or nature”

(Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 490)

### Original Sin:

- The Genesis 3 Fall of Mankind
- Scriptural support
  - Psalm 51:5
  - Ephesians 2:3
  - MAIN TEXT: Rom 5:12-19

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## Imputation

- Imputation of Adam’s sin to the human race (see Romans 5:12-21).
- Imputation of man’s sin to Christ (2 Cor. 5:19; 1 Peter 2:24).
- Imputation of Christ’s righteousness to believers (2 Cor. 5:21).

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## Interpretations of Original Sin

- Pelagian View
- Arminian view
- Federal view
- Augustinian (seminal) view

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## FINAL CONCLUSION

The Pelagian view is clearly unbiblical. The Arminian view, while correctly emphasizing that we all have corrupt natures, does not do enough justice to the idea that “all sinned” in Adam.

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## Total Depravity

Definition: *Mankind in his natural state is completely contaminated by sin to such a degree that he is unable to change. Depravity involves the entirety of the individual and the entirety of the human race except for Christ.*

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## Scope of Total Depravity

- Universal to all humanity
  - 1 Kings 8:46
  - Psalm 14:1-3
- Comprehensive in all aspects of humanity
  - The will
  - The mind
  - The heart
- Ability to Please God
  - Romans 8:8
  - Isaiah 64:6
  - John 6:44

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### What Total Depravity Does Not Include

- Total depravity does not mean that all people always act as badly as they can at all times
- Total depravity does not mean that humans cannot do relative good in some ways.

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### Degrees of Sin

Legal guilt–NO

- Galatians 3:10
- James 2:10-11

Consequences in Life –YES

- John 19:11
- James 3:1
- Matthew 11:20-24

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### What happens when a Christian sins?

No change in legal standing

- Romans 8:1
- 1 Cor. 15:3
- 1 John 1:8

Fellowship with God is Hindered

- Ephesians 4:30
- Hebrews 12:6
- Revelation 3:19
- Romans 6:16

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