

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## THE SIN NATURE OF MANKIND

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### PART 1: THE ORIGIN OF SIN

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There isn't a single Christian who hasn't wondered about the origin of sin. Some think that sin began when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit. **Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-13**

If that is true, who was the serpent? From the book of Revelation we are told that the old serpent is none other than the Devil. **Revelation 12:9**

It is obvious that Satan does not have a physical body since the Bible states his beautiful spirit body was burned. **Ezekiel 28:18**

Logic would dictate that since the Devil no longer has a physical body, he must still retain the ability to move in and out between the spirit world and the physical world like the other angels, and therefore was able to possess the body of the serpent. **Genesis 3:1**

This leads us to the conclusion that the first living creature on earth which Satan seduced was a serpent, who readily had the ability to say "yes" or "no." Because the serpent chose to sin, he was punished and cursed by God; he lost his legs and was forced to crawl on his belly. **Genesis 3:14-15**

We have now traced the origin of sin back to Adam and Eve, but sin did not originate with them because it was already present in the Devil.

#### THE ORIGINAL SINNER

The Bible tells us that God is light and there is no darkness in Him. **1 John 1:5**

Logic would therefore dictate that God did not create evil when He gave the order for the creation of the universe.

This brings up another question. What do we do with the passage in Isaiah that states that God creates evil? **Isaiah 45:5-8**

In reading this passage and comparing it with other scripture from the Old Testament, it becomes clear that the "evil" God refers to is in fact His judgment on those who have sinned and rebelled against Him. **Deuteronomy 28:58-68**

We can therefore conclude that sin originated with the Devil! He was created as a beautiful and powerful cherub and there was no evil "initially" present in him. **Ezekiel 28:11-15**

Satan was known at the time of his creation as Lucifer. He had a free will and used it to decide he no longer wanted to serve God. The creation had decided to rebel against the Creator and Lucifer crafted a plan to dethrone God. **Ezekiel 28:16-18; Isaiah 14:12-20**



Lucifer was a beautiful cherub who led the angels in praise of God but he became corrupted and filled with hate for his Creator. Hate eventually leads to murder and Lucifer made plans to make war with God and cause a lot of destruction. He was able to convince one third of the angels to join him in rebellion, and the other angels that chose to join him also became spiritually corrupted and filled with the same hate and evil. **Revelation 12:3-4; 7**

When Adam and Eve sinned, their spirits died and their souls became corrupted with the same hate and evil that was in the Devil. This is known as the sinful nature of man. **Romans 5:12-14; Ephesians 2:1-3**

It did not take long for the sin nature to manifest itself. **Genesis 4:1-11**

Mankind became so corrupted that 1,676 after the creation of humanity, God was forced to kill almost every human being, along with animals, birds and vegetation. Only eight people were saved, together with select species from the animal kingdom. **Genesis 6:1-13**

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***

***Do you have an ear to hear with?***