



The Nature of Man

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The Bible's Legitimacy

¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.

²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:19-21 (ESV)

Process of Sin in the Garden

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:6 (ESV)

Saw



Desired



Pride

Mortality of our Nature

- *Ecclesiastes 3:19-20* - For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one **dies**, so **dies** the other... All go to one place. **All are from the dust, and to dust all return.**
- *Ecclesiastes 9:5* – For the living know that they shall **die**
- *Psalms 146:3-4* – (Man's) breath departs, **he returns to the earth**; on that very day his plans perish.
- *Romans 5:12* – **death** spread to all men

20 And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him.

21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts,
sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,

22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride,
foolishness.

23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

- Mark 7:20

Nature of Christ

Adam & Eve

Genesis 3:1-7

- Everything they could need
- Bountiful Garden of Eden
- Wanted Equality with God
- Failed to Overcome

Christ

Matthew 4:1-10

- Had Nothing, fasting 40 days
- Harsh Wilderness
- Sought Humbleness with God
- Able to Overcome

God's Answer to Mortality

- **Rom. 6:23** - the gift of God is **eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **1 Thess. 5:9** - God (has appointed us)...to obtain **salvation** by our Lord Jesus Christ
- **2 Thess. 2:13** - God hath from the beginning chosen you to **salvation**
- **1 Tim 2:3-4** - (God) will have all men to be **saved**...
- **1 John 2:25** - the promise that he hath promised us, even **eternal life**.

Cure to our Nature Starts with Belief

- **2 Tim 1:10** - Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and **immortality** to light through the gospel.
- **John 3:36** - He that believeth on the Son hath **everlasting life**...
- **John 6:47** - ...he that believeth on me hath **everlasting life**
- **John 20:31** - ...believing ye might **have life** through his name.

Our Nature is Meant to be **OVERCOME**

Mark 16:16

¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Romans 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.