



The First Article of the Apostle's Creed

Topic: The Results of the Fall into Sin

Lesson: Genesis 5 & ROMANS 8:18-25

Goal: to see that sin has ruined creation and learn what God is going to do about it

Chap. 5 records the genealogy of Adam's descendants. Although they may seem boring to us, and some of the names are hard to pronounce, they do have value.

In whose image did Adam have children?

How was this different from Adam's creation?

Explain the difference:

What can we learn from the fact Adam's son was born in Adam's image or likeness?

How long did Adam live? (Think: How do you explain the long lives of people before the flood?)

What curse or punishment from God was fulfilled in v5?

Read Romans 8:18-22

- "... the creation was subjected to frustration." "... the whole creation has been groaning..." The perfection that existed in the world was lost after the fall into sin. What are some of the "frustrating" consequences of sin that we now see taking place in the world?

- Underline the phrase "creation itself will be liberated from it's bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God." In the margin write, "See 2 Peter 3:6,7,10 and Isaiah 65:17." How will God liberate the world from all its problems?

Read Romans 8:23-25

- Circle the phrase "our adoption as sons." Circle the phrase "the redemption of our bodies." Draw an arrow from the first circle to the second. God has already adopted us as his sons and daughters. But the full benefit of that adoption will be realized when God raises our bodies from the dead on Judgment Day. In the margin write, "See 1 Corinthians 15:42-44."

- What will God do for our bodies on that day?

- There is no denying that sin has taken an awesome toll on this world and on our bodies. And yet Paul tells us that Christians wait patiently and hope for quick deliverance.

In the time being, what is it that gives us the strength to go on in this world of suffering? (For help, re-read verse 18.)

BELIEVE

1-2 Year Confirmation

The First Article of the Apostle's Creed

The Bible describes sin's effect on us in various ways.

Genesis 8:21- The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though **every inclination** of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done."

Psalm 51:5 "Surely I was sinful at birth sinful from the time my mother conceived me."

Romans 3:10-12 - ¹⁰ As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; ¹¹ there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. ¹² All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

- According to the bold portion of the verses, how deeply has sin affected the human race?
- According to the underlined portions, when do we become completely sinful?

Yet, despite our sin, God continues to take care of us.

Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of his glory and the representation of his essence, and he sustains all things by his powerful word,

Psalm 104:27-29 All of your creatures wait for you to provide them with food on a regular basis. You give food to them and they receive it; you open your hand and they are filled with food. When you ignore them, they panic. When you take away their life's breath, they die and return to dust.

Psalm 135:7 He causes the clouds to arise from the end of the earth, makes lightning bolts accompany the rain, and brings the wind out of his storehouses.

Matthew 5:45 He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

- According to the underline portions, how much of creation depends on God's continued care?
- According to Psalm 135 and the Matthew passage what does God usually use to care for creation?

Read 2 Kings 6:15-17 and Matthew 15:29-39.

God can also use _____ and _____ to care for His people.



BELIEVE

1-2 Year Confirmation

The First Article of the Apostle's Creed

God judged sin by allowing death to come into the world. Adam and Eve eventually died. And so have every one of their descendants. But God has also judged sin in other ways.



We know that God is patient and also that He desires that no one perish outside of Christ ([2 Pet 3:9](#)) and this is shown by Noah's trying to warn others for at least 120 years while he and his family built the Ark ([Heb 11:7](#)). God is still giving unbelievers plenty of time to repent and trust in Christ and there is no shortage of believers trying to warn the unsaved about God's impending judgment.

Why the Flood?

Even God's wrath is a type of His grace. If the world was left to itself there would be no end to the abominations of mankind. This is why God kept Adam and Eve from re-entering the Garden. If they had taken from the Tree of Life and had received eternal life in a state of sinfulness, the world would have been so corrupt that there would be no end to what mankind would have done. The depravity of mankind would grow and grow until there would be no shred of decency or morality on the face of the earth. This was the reason that God sent the flood in Noah's day. God "saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them" ([Gen 6:5-7](#)).

God in His mercy decided to end this massive

corruption of mankind because left to himself, mankind would wallow in misery for the rest of time and so He sent the flood as a way to restore the earth through Noah and his family ([Gen 6:8, 18](#)). This was the same reason that God scattered mankind at the Tower of Babel and confused their languages.

Once more God is going to pour out His judgment on the earth and all unbelievers will face His wrath. This will happen at the end of time. ([Heb 12:26, 29](#); [Matt 13:30, 40-41](#); [Rev 6:15-17, 20:15](#)).

Noah's Ark and Jesus

In some fascinating ways, Noah's Ark displays similarities to Jesus Christ.

By entering the Ark, Noah ensured the physical survival of himself and his family. When we enter into saving faith through Jesus ([John 10:9](#)), we ensure our spiritual survival through eternal life with Christ.

When the destruction of the world loomed, God called out to Noah: "Come . . . into the Ark" ([Genesis 7:1](#)). God was with Noah and his family throughout that frightening year-long ordeal and protected and presumably comforted them. When we receive Jesus as our Savior, God, in the person of the Holy Spirit, comforts and protects us.

The Ark had only one door through which Noah had to enter in order to be saved from the Flood. Likewise, salvation in Christ has only one door ([John 10:9](#)). We enter it by faith in Jesus's once-and-for-all-time sacrificial death on the Cross and His bodily resurrection three days later.

Finally, after Noah entered the Ark, God Himself closed the door ([Genesis 7:16](#)). Those people outside who chose not to enter the Ark's door were left to face the destructive force of the Flood. Today, we have only this one life to enter Christ's door of salvation.

Where Is the Evidence in the Earth for Noah's Flood?

Evidence of Noah's Flood can be seen all over the earth, from seabeds to mountaintops. Whether you



The First Article of the Apostle's Creed

travel by car, train, or plane, the physical features of the earth's terrain clearly indicate a catastrophic past, from canyons and craters to coal beds and caverns. Some layers of strata extend across continents, revealing the effects of a huge catastrophe.

The earth's crust has massive amounts of layered sedimentary rock, sometimes miles (kilometers) deep! These layers of sand, soil, and material—mostly laid down by water—were once soft like mud, but they are now hard stone. Encased in these sedimentary layers are billions of dead things (fossils of plants and animals) buried very quickly. The evidence all over the earth is staring everyone in the face.

The following psalm refers to the Genesis flood. Let's compare the ideas.

Psalm 104:6-9

You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;

the waters stood above the mountains.

⁷ But at your rebuke the waters fled, at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;

⁸ they flowed over the mountains, they went down into the valleys, to the place you assigned for them.

⁹ You set a boundary they cannot cross; never again will they cover the earth.

Compare v.6 to Genesis 7:17-20. How deep was the flood water (use a Bible dictionary or the footnotes in your Bible to know how much a cubit is).

Compare v. 7-8 to Genesis to Genesis 8:1-5. When did the waters start to recede?

Compare v.9 to Genesis 9:8-17. What was the promise God made? What was its sign?

God will no longer destroy sin with a flood. He now began planning another way to destroy the power of sin. That we will study starting in our next lesson.



1. Most believe that people are basically good. Is this an accurate evaluation? Why or why not?

2. Did God design death as a "natural part of life"?

3. Did God create the pain, suffering, and evil we find all around us? Why or why not?

True or False:

_____ All people are born basically good.

_____ God expects us to be as good as possible.

_____ God really won't punish people in hell forever, since He is loving.

_____ The worst suffering of hell is separation from God.

_____ There is nothing anyone can do to save themselves.

CONNECTIONS TO THE SMALL CATECHISM

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts: the one is that we confess



The First Article of the Apostle's Creed

our sins; the other is that we receive Absolution, or forgiveness, from the confessor, as from God Himself, and in no way doubt, but firmly believe that our sins are forgiven before God in heaven by this.

Proverbs 28:13

Matthew 3:8

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even of those that we do not know, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the pastor we should confess only those sins that we know and feel in our hearts.

Study for the Test next week. All worksheets, quizzes and assignments are to be used.

Which are these?

Here consider your calling according to the Ten Commandments, whether you are a father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, a manservant or maidservant. Consider whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, or slothful. Consider whether you have grieved anyone by words or deeds, whether you have stolen, neglected, wasted, or done other harm.

Confession and Absolution is the reliving of Baptism, as our sins are again washed away through God's mercy, now through the announcement of God's Word by God's minister, as in Baptism through the water connected with the Word.

What do we confess?

Psalm 51:5

Psalm 19:12

Psalm 51:3

Then what?

Psalm 32:5

1 John 1:9

After confession and absolution, then what do we do?