

# ALL THINGS NEW: A SNAPSHOT OF HUMANITY

1 Corinthians 5:17

## MAIN IDEAS

Before Picture

- I. Roots (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7, 25; Genesis 6:5)
  - A. Humans were created without sin
  - B. Humans were created to choose
  - C. Humans CHOSE sin
- II. Results (Romans 5:12; Psalm 51:12; Jeremiah 17:8; Galatians 5:17-21; Malachi 3:8; Romans 7:15-19; Galatians 5:17; Romans 5:19)
  - A. Humans are born sinful
  - B. Our natural instinct is toward self
  - C. Sin nature produces struggle in our lives

God created humans without sin. Adam and Eve had no natural inclination to disobey God but they had the freedom to make choices. Why do you think God gave man the ability to choose?

Humans, being made in the image of God, were not exactly like God. What do we know about God's character and nature? (Titus 1:2; Isaiah 6:3; James 1:13; 2 Tim. 2:13) What do we know about human character and nature? (Ps. 51:5; Romans 5:12; Genesis 6:5)

In what ways is sin more about pleasing self than pleasing God?

Consider the biblical narrative of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3, from the first bite of the forbidden fruit to their encounter with God. How did this first bad choice multiply into a chain of actions and reactions? Name the sins that followed the initial disobedience. What was their first realization and then consequential struggle?

How does knowing we are born sinful clear the path in our hearts and minds to embrace the hope found in Christ? (Romans 5:19; Ephesians 2:1-9)

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

Paul, one of the greatest men to ever live, confessed his battle with sin in Romans 7:15-19. In what ways does Paul aptly describe your own struggles with sin?

What sin are you currently wrestling with? What action breaks the power of secret or unshared burden of sin? (James 5:16) In wisdom, share your struggle with another person and ask them to pray with you and for you.

## REPRODUCE

Does knowing humans are inherently sinful affect how you mindfully love one another? Pray that God will give you opportunities to both speak truth in love and dispense grace in wisdom.

As we live out our faith people are watching. (We might be surprised by the vastness of our audience!) We either model our sin nature or the new self. (Eph. 4:21-24) In what ways can you be an example to a watching world of what it means to live for Christ in spite of having a sin nature? How can your moments of failure be redeemed and still be a Christ-like example for others?

## KEY VERSES

From the sermon:

- Genesis 1:26-27
- Romans 5:12
- Malachi 3:8
- Genesis 2:7, 25
- Jeremiah 17:8
- Romans 7:15-19
- Genesis 6:5
- Galatians 5:17-21
- Psalm 51:5

Additional verses from the study:

- Titus 1:2
- 2 Timothy 2:13
- Isaiah 6:3
- Ephesians 2:1-9
- James 1:13
- Genesis 3
- James 5:16
- Ephesians 4:21-24