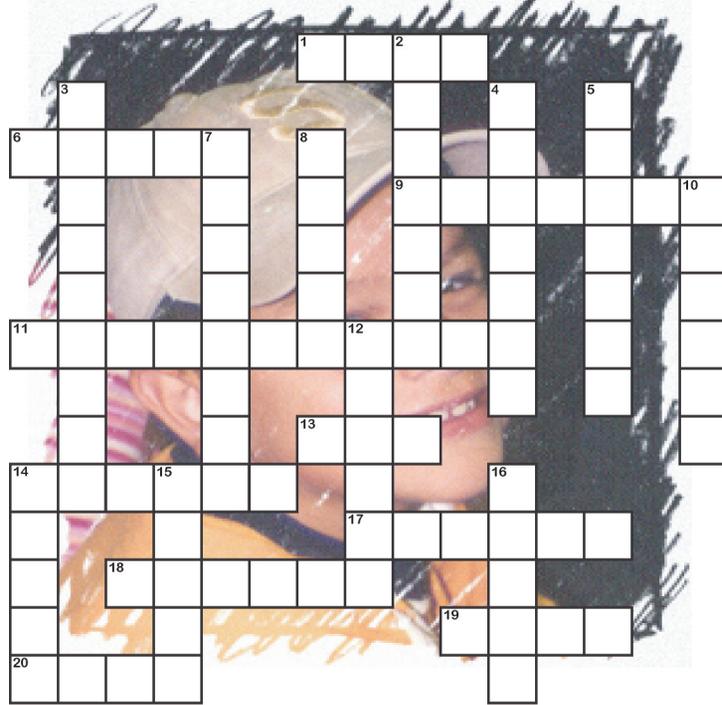


Crossword Puzzle

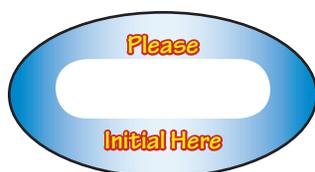


Across

Down

1. The knowledge of ____ and evil.
2. Now Satan does not have to come to us from _____ of us to tempt us.
3. The tree of _____.
4. Man became unfit for God's _____.
5. The sinful nature is a far more serious _____ than disobedience.
6. The nature of sin corrupted man and made him _____ for God's purpose.
7. This is the _____ result of man's fall.
8. Satan has the power of _____.
9. The problem of the sinful nature is far more _____ than disobedience.
10. Adam now has the _____ nature...
11. One of the ways we experience sin rising up within us.
12. Adam now has the sinful _____.
13. When Adam ____ the fruit he took in the sinful nature of Satan.
14. Satan does not need to come to us outwardly to _____ us...
14. Another way we experience sin.
15. Another way man experiences sin.
17. As a _____ of the disobedience a far more serious problem occurred.
16. The sinful nature was passed down to every _____ descendant of Adam.
18. It is not as _____ as a normal tree.
19. The results of the _____ of man.
20. The _____ of knowledge...

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The Truth and Experience of God's Salvation

- Lesson Four -

The Results of Man's Fall

Sin (1)

I. Overview.

Adam sinned when he disobeyed God's command to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. However, as a result of Adam's disobedience, a far more serious problem occurred at the same time. The evil, sinful, nature of Satan got into man through his eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Worse,



Not only did man disobey and offend God, but he also received into himself the poisonous nature of sin.

still, this sinful nature was passed on to every human descendant of Adam and Eve. That includes the entire human race.

The fall of man, including the injection into man of Satan's evil nature of sin is why we find ourselves today with a conflict within us. Sin is always rising up within us as lust, temper, rebellion, selfishness, pride, and many other evil things. The nature of sin has corrupted man and made him unfit for fulfilling God's purpose. This is why we so desperately need God's salvation.

II. Memory Verse.

"But if what I do not will, this I do, it is no longer I that work it out but sin that dwells in me."

(Rom. 7:20)

III. Lesson.

When Adam ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he not only sinned by his disobedience, but he took forbidden fruit into his being and it became a part of him. Whatever we eat becomes us: our fibers, cells, and life. Now this forbidden fruit had become Adam's content inwardly.

The Nature of Sin in the Forbidden Tree

We must understand some things about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and its fruit. It is not as simple as a normal tree with normal fruit. This tree was forbidden to Adam and Eve because it represented Satan's life and nature. In the same way, the tree of life represented God's life and nature.



Every human being is born with the nature of sin within him, which came from Adam's fall.

God commanded Adam and Eve not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God told them that if they ate of that tree they would die. Behind this tree is just Satan, the one who had the "power of death". When Adam and Eve ate of the fruit of this tree, they took the evil, sinful nature of Satan into them. This spoiled them for God's purpose.

The Evil Nature of Satan Became a Part of Mankind

Just as the forbidden fruit came into Adam and, like all food does, became part of his constitution, the evil nature of sin also entered into him and became a part of him. Now Adam had two natures dwelling in him: his good human nature with which God created him and the sinful nature of Satan which

had been injected into him when he ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

This sinful nature was passed on through Adam to all of his descendants. Now Satan does not need to come to us from outside of us to tempt us – for now the sinful nature dwells within us. Knowing this helps us to understand ourselves better. Because sin dwells in us we often do the very things we determine not to do. We sometimes even do the very things we hate. Also, we find that the good things we would like to do we fail to accomplish. Why? Because we have an evil nature within us that is fighting against our own good will and desire. This is the terrible result of the fall of man.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Was the fall of man more than disobedience?

2. What happened within Adam's being when he ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil?

3. Did the sinful nature go further than Adam?

4. Why do we often do things we don't want to?

