Lesson #

Christology-The Sinlessness of Christ

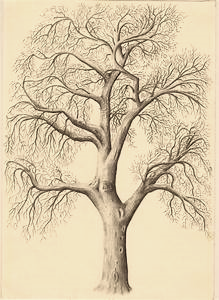
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\* We will now begin a new lesson and learn together what the Scriptures have to say about the sinlessness of Jesus Christ. Was Jesus Christ sinless? We have discussed His Deity and His humanity, but now His sinlessness. We have already learned from our past lesson on His virgin birth that the Lord Jesus Christ was born without original sin in the sense of the Adamic nature. That is, without a sin nature. This was by virtue of the fact that He was virgin born without a human father.

“Then said Mary unto the angel, H \_ \_ shall this be, seeing \_ k \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ a m \_ \_? And the angel answered and said unto her, The H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_ shall c \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also t \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ which shall

b \_ b \_ \_ \_ of thee shall be called the S \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_.” ***Luke 1:34,35***

\* In this lesson we will go one step further and see that Jesus Christ was not only born holy and sinless, but that He lived His whole life without ever committing even one sin. Sinless! If this is true, then Jesus Christ is placed in a unique category that differs from all of the so-called religious leaders of the past and today. Let's firstestablish a few truths to remember as we go through this lesson.

***First***, *what is sin*? The word of God has a very simple and understandable definition of what sin is in Gods eyes.

“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for s\_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ l \_ \_.” ***1 John 3:4***

***Secondly***, the Scripture above says that whoever transgresses (breaches; breaks; goes against; infracts; offends; oversteps; trespasses; violates) Gods law “committeth sin.” *Okay, so who are the ones that have been* *affected by sin (transgressed God’s law)? Who all is involved?*

“As it is written, There is n \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, no, n \_ \_ o \_ \_: There is n \_ \_ \_ that understandeth, there is n \_ \_ \_ that seeketh after God. They are a \_ \_ gone out of t \_ \_ w \_ \_, they are together become unprofitable; there is n \_ \_ \_ that d \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_, no, n \_ \_

o \_ \_. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in t \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_: And t \_ \_ w \_ \_ o \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ have they n \_ \_k \_ \_ \_ \_: There is n \_ f \_ \_ \_ of G \_ \_ before their eyes.Now we know that what things so ever t \_ \_ l \_ \_ saith, it saith t \_t \_ \_ \_ who are u \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ l \_ \_: that e \_ \_ \_ \_

m \_ \_ \_ \_ may be s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and a \_ \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ may b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ before God.”***Romans 3:10-19***

The Late Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman used to tell of a Methodist preacher who often spoke on the subject of sin. He minced no words, but defined sin as “that abominable thing that God hates.” A leader in his congregation came to him on one occasion and urged him to cease using the ugly word. Said he: “Dr. blank, we wish you would not speak so plainly about sin. Our young people, hearing you, will be more likely to indulge in sin. Call it something else, as ‘inhibition’ or ‘error’ or a ‘mistake’ or even ‘a twist in our nature’.” “I understand what you mean,” the preacher remarked and going to his desk brought out a little bottle. “This bottle,” he said, “contains strychnine. You will see that the red label here reads ‘Poison.’ Would you suggest that I change the label, and paste one on that says, ‘Wintergreen?’ The more harmless the name the more dangerous the dose will be.”

***Thirdly***, *why is sin important*? It is important to God for two reasons. One, it is the enemy of His Holiness. Second, it is what has caused Him to have to separate from anything and everything that is tainted with sin. God’s plan is to eliminate sin and everything to do with it, permanently.

“There i \_ n \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ as t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_: for there i \_ n \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_: neither is there any rock like our God. Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.” ***1 Samuel 2:2,3***

“Because the c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ also shall be delivered from the b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the

w \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ p \_ \_ \_ together until now. And n \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_, b \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting forth adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.” ***Romans 8:21-23***

It is important to man for two reasons. One, because he cannot keep himself from dying. Second, if he does not find a remedy, he has to face the penalty God has established for transgressing His law.

“Wherefore, as by one man s \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ into the world, and d \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ s \_ \_; and so death p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ m \_ \_, for that a \_ \_ have sinned:” ***Romans 5:12***

“For the w \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ s \_ \_ is d \_ \_ \_ \_; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” ***Romans 6:23***

“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, s \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ which burneth with fire and brimstone: which i \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Revelation 21:8***

***Lastly***, we will ask one final question. Then, we will proceed into our study of the Sinlessness of Christ. Ready? Here it is? *Why is it important that Jesus Christ was Sinless*? Let’s study together.

\* Jesus Christ was not a hybrid half-God and half-man. He was true man and true God, without being a mixture of the two natures. The two natures of the Saviour were separate and distinct in every respect. The human nature, the son of Mary, the seed of David, the Son of man was sinless. There is no case on record in any book about Jesus Christ, written at that time by any eyewitnesses who knew Him or saw Him, where He can ever be accused of one sin. It is true that they accused Him. They called Him a wine bibber, glutton and even the prince of Beelzebub none of which were true. The manhood of Jesus is oneessentially as ours. It is a distinct human phenomenon. He was an ideal man. He was a perfect man and a normal man at the same time. He was what a man should be.

\* But the Lord Jesus Christ was unique because of His life of sinlessness, a completely unspotted life. No other man that has ever been could make this claim but Him. If He claimed it and it was not so, He was a liar. He claimed to be sinless, and the records present Him as sinless. Either He was, or He was not. There isn’t any half ground. How many laws do you have to break to be a lawbreaker? He either broke one or He didn’t!

\* What are we talking about when we talk about the sinlessness of Jesus Christ?

1. **Sinfulness** is **want** of conformity to the will of God. **Sinlessness** is **complete** conformity to the will of God twenty-four hours a day.

“Then said I, Lo, \_ c \_ \_ \_ (in the volume of the book it is written of

me,) t \_ d \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_, O God.” ***Hebrews 10:7***

“I have g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ on the earth: \_ h \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_which thou g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ to do.” ***John 17:4***

1. **Sinfulness** is **antagonism** toward the will of God, deviating from the path of God and deviating toward the path of sin. **Sinlessness** is being in **harmony** with God, submissive to God and staying on the path twenty-four hours a day.

\* Sin can be external like lying, stealing, or murder. It can be internal, with the thoughts of the heart being the root of later evil actions.

“For o \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:” ***Matthew 15:19***

“A good man o \_ \_ o \_ the good treasure of h \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ bringeth forth that which i \_ g \_ \_ \_; and an evil man o \_ \_ o \_ the evil treasure of h \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ bringeth forth that which i \_ e \_ \_ \_: for out of t \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ his mouth speaketh.” ***Luke 6:45***

\* Jesus was sinless, both externally and internally. He not only abstained from evil deeds, but there were no evil thoughts present with Him. He was completely conformed to that which is good and holy at all times.

“For such an high priest became us, who is h \_ \_ \_, h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_,

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and made higher than the heavens;” ***Hebrews 7:26***

“But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and

w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_:” ***1 Peter 1:19***

“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ t \_ G \_ \_, purge your conscience from dead works to

serve the living God?” ***Hebrews 9:14***

\* There is an expression that occurs twice in the Scriptures that signifies that from birth Jesus Christ was sinless. He was holy, sinless and free from defilement.

“For of a truth against t \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_, whom t \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,” ***Acts 4:27***

“By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done b \_ t \_ \_

n \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Acts 4:30***

\*The devils and unclean spirits recognized Jesus’ sinlessness.

“Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? \_ k \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_, the H \_ \_ \_ O \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_.”

***Mark 1:24; Luke 4:34***

\*The strongest proof of the sinlessness of Christ is not the testimonies of the devils, but the plain inspired word of God.

“Who d \_ \_ n \_ s \_ \_, n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ was g \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ in his mouth:” ***1 Peter 2:22***

“And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; a \_ \_ i \_ h \_ \_ i \_ n \_ s \_ \_.”

***1 John 3:5***

It does not get any more specifically noted than the above verse. “**in Him is no sin**.” Absolutely not one trace of sin was in our Blessed Saviour, and that is why He is able to save sinners, He is sinless!

\* Don’t waste our time talking about all the other religions and Gobboly Goop out there. We need a Saviour. We need a payment for our sins. Every man has an appointment with death and time is getting short, and the time for games is over. Who is paying for sins?

“When I w \_ \_ a c \_ \_ \_ \_, I s \_ \_ \_ \_as \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_, I u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_as \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_, I

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_as \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_: but when \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a m \_ \_, I p \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***1 Corinthians 13:11***

\* If you could live a sinless life from this moment on for the next thirty years, what does that prove? What about all of the past? Jesus never even became acquainted with sin. The Lord Jesus and sin were total strangers. His first experience with sin was when He bore your sins in His own body on the cross and became sin for you and became a curse for you.

“For h \_ hath m \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ to b \_ s \_ \_ f \_ \_ u \_, who k \_ \_ \_ n \_ s \_ \_; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” ***2 Corinthians 5:21***

“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was i \_ a \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ like as we are, y \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_.” ***Hebrews 4:15***

\* Jesus Christ was perfect purity: perfect, spotless, sinless humanity, with a heart and a mind and a soul sensitive to righteousness.

“And every man that hath this hope in him p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, even as h \_

i \_ p \_ \_ \_.” ***1 John 3:3***

\* Jesus Himself saw sin in others and yet saw no sin in Himself. Wasn’t that rather egotistical of Him? Wasn’t that rather stupid to go around pointing out sin in other people and never confessing any Himself?

“W \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ y \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ o \_ s \_ \_? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?” ***John 8:46***

He was without sin. He was the only man that could ever make an honest claim that He had no sin. Jesus never admitted a fault and never asked forgiveness from anybody. UNLESS He was “God manifest in the flesh” He was a conceded fool.

\* Pontius Pilate, who was Jesus’ judge, examined Him. This was a testimony of a “judge” about Jesus Christ. What he said, he said not once, but three different times!

“Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, \_ f \_ \_ \_ i \_ h \_ \_ n \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ a \_ \_.” ***John 18:38; 19:4,6***

Mrs. Pontius Pilate, wife of the judge, had no personal interest in Christ, either favorably or otherwise and spoke to her husband about Him.

“When he was set down on the judgment seat, h \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_h \_ \_, saying,

H \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ d \_ w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ j \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.” ***Matthew 27:19***

Now, either Pontius Pilate’s wife was smoking some of the hippies’ mushrooms or she knew something. She thought it important enough to tell her husband. Pontius Pilate probably had a case of the “HEBBEEJEEBEES,” wouldn’t you think? But even after all of that he ordered His execution. Either Christ was sinless, or He wasn’t.

\* The guilty thief being executed along with Christ made a statement about Christ’s character.

“And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds:b \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_

d \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Luke 23:41***

\* Judas Iscariot (a disciple of our Lord in His earthly ministry) spoke words about what He thought of the Lord even after He betrayed Him. You would think that if anybody could find a flaw in Jesus Christ it would have been one of His disciples that lived, ate, walked and talked with Him for three and a half years. Judas Iscariot saw the miracles, heard the teaching, observed Him closely, and then finally betrayed Him and this was his conclusion.

“Saying, \_ h \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in that \_ h \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.” ***Matthew 27:4***

\* One of the Roman centurions that was there during Jesus’ execution drew a conclusion about Jesus Christ.

“Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God,saying, C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_.” **Luke 23:47**

\* Let’s take a minute and look at the evidence. His own disciples, the Pharisees’ (honestly), His judge, the judge’ wife, the condemned criminal, the man who betrayed Him and the one that executed Him said He was innocent, righteous and with no faults. That’s some testimony! Yet they still executed Him! Why? His death must have been for another reason other than His guilt. What do you suppose it could have been? **He** was the **only man** who **ever lived** at whom **nobody** could **point a finger** and **say**, “***You have sinned***.” Aren’t you glad? Praise His Excellent Name!

\* With the Saviour’s sinlessness well established with us and continually documented in the word of God, let’s look at some arguments (that there could really be any) against the Lord’s sinlessness.

In the Bible we are told that throughout Jesus’ time preaching, teaching, healing, casting out unclean spirits and doing all the miracles that he did to help people out, He still had a tremendous number of doubters, liars, mockers, sarcastic remarks and flat-out rebels to His ministry, person, cause and mission. The Pharisees would try to corner Him on one day and the Sadducees the next. Then would come in a lawyer with some silly foolishness, and there was tribute (tax collectors) men that went to Peter about Jesus paying His taxes, and then of course the elders that payed off the soldiers that were at His tomb to lie even after His death. The Lord had enemies. But, He had enemies because of envy, jealousy, pride, arrogance and a million other likes that were all lies and that He did not deserve. The Lord was sinless. Out of all the knavish questions they asked, not one could the Lord not answer. But to their shame, when the Lord would ask them questions, He would blow their skullcaps off. No one could or wanted to tangle with His questioning. Finally, the Lord asked them one final question in regard to ***Psalms 110*** and look what happened.

“And n \_ m \_ \_ w \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ t \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ a w \_ \_ \_, neither durst a \_ \_ m \_ \_ from

t \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ h \_ \_ a \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ q \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.”

***Matthew 22:46; Mark 12:34; Luke 20:40***

This must have been a pretty big event on this one, cause Matthew, Mark, and Luke recorded it, and ***nobody*** wanted to wrestle with the Lord after that one.

~Arguments~

\* Some deny that sinlessness is possible. The fact that sinlessness is contrary to reason shouldn’t mean a whole lot since we have just been shown from the Scriptures that it is so, beyond doubt.

\* Some people say, “Well I can’t live a sinless life.” That may be true, but then again, you are not the second member of the Godhead.

\* Some say, “I can’t live above sin.” We all have trouble with sin every day. If you didn’t that would mean you were a liar and a deceiver.

“If w \_ s \_ \_ that w \_ h \_ \_ \_ n \_ s \_ \_, we d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ is

n \_ \_ i \_ u \_.***1 John 1:8***

The Lord gives every thoroughbred dog just enough fleas to remind him that he is still a dog. The lord also leaves in the life of the best of us just enough sins to remind us that we are still sinners, that we have to fight daily against sin, to humble us and make us realize our dependence upon God and to remind us that if it wasn’t for the grace of God we would go to hell.

The Apostle Paul was not an exception to these things.

“And lest \_ should be e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ through the abundance of the revelations, there w \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ m \_ a t \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that i \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ from me. And he said unto me, M \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ is

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

***2 Corinthians 12:7-9***

The fact that you and I cannot obtain sinless perfection in this life is no argument against Christ’s sinlessness. You had a human father (well, some of you, some of you still claim apehood) Christ did not. His body did not decompose, yours will.

\* Some say that because Christ was tempted, He must have been susceptible to sin. Temptation in itself, is not sin. It is yielding to temptation that is sin. Jesus was tempted by Satan in ***Matthew 4*** and ***Luke 4***, and was tempted by the world and circumstances, but He did not yield to them. Along here we need to pause and discuss for a minute what is called the **Doctrine of the Origins of sin (Doctrine of Peccability.)** In other words, “Where or when does something actually become sin or sinful? In order to answer this important question, lets look at how the Lord describes it.



“Whosoever h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.” ***1 John 3:15***

“But I say unto you, That w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ on a woman t \_ l \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_

h \_ \_ hath c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ already i \_ h \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Matthew 5:28***

According to what the Lord is teaching, the act doesn’t have to be committed. Sin begins before it appears. Here’s another Scripture.

For f \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, o \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ of men, p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these e \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ come f \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and

d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the man.” ***Mark 7:21-23***

There are four parts to the “Doctrine of Peccability,” or the (Origins of Sin.)

1. ***Presentation***

\*In presentation there is no sin. In presentation the person is confronted with whatever the thing is, by which they may or may not choose to sin. This is Presentation. No sin committed.

1. ***Illumination***

\*In illumination there is no sin. In illumination there is knowledge given about the thing that has been presented. Here we have a good example for us in ***Genesis 3.*** Eve was *presented* with the object of temptation (the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.) She then had illumination about it.

“And when the woman s \_ \_ that the tree w \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ for food, a \_ \_that it was pleasant to the eyes, a \_ \_ a tree to be desired to make one wise…” ***Genesis 3:6a***

This is illumination. Still no sin committed. Here is when it progressively becomes harder to avoid sin. Here is where temptation should be stopped in its tracks. She had already been told by God not to eat of it. Period. She had a reason not to proceed. She even had responded to the Devil with “God hath said…” No Sin committed. The Lord Jesus Christ was shown all the kingdoms of this world in a moment of time, “Yet Without Sin.”

Here is where the line becomes “very thin.” Between illumination and the next step is when the sin will or will not occur.

“A \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ s \_ \_: and there is a sin not unto death.”

***1 John 5:17***

1. ***Debate***

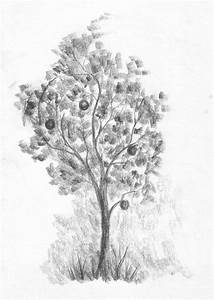
\* In debate sin has begun. This is where the sinner begins to debate in his mind whether or not he will take a course of action, after he has had illumination in regard to the consequence of that action. This is where lust and iniquity enter. Sin has begun.

“But every man is tempted, when he is d \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ of his o \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_, and

e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. Then when lust hath c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, it b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_: and sin, when i \_ i \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, bringeth forth d \_ \_ \_ \_. Do not err, my beloved brethren.” ***James 1:14-16***

1. ***Decision***

\* Of course, it does not take a rocket scientist to know that when you choose to sin, you have sinned. How stupid is that? There’s not any of us that can say when we sin, “I didn’t mean it!” When the process arrives here, we have completely committed to it. We have sinned.



“…she t \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ thereof, and d \_ \_ e \_ \_, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.” ***Genesis 3:6b***

“For the wages of sin i \_d \_ \_ \_ \_;” ***Romans 6:23***

\* Some argue regarding the temptation in ***Matthew 4:1-11*** that if Jesus were perfect then the temptation would be unreal. How could a perfect person be tempted? Well, this is simple. Adam and Eve were created perfect without original sin. They were perfect, but they were tempted; and they yielded, proving that temptation is real even to a perfect person.

**Note:** Adam failed his test in the garden, and Jesus passed His test in the garden. Adam failed by doing what God told him not to do and hiding, and Jesus succeeded by doing what God told Him to do and coming out in public.

“For as by o \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ many were m \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, so by the

o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ o \_ \_ shall many be m \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Romans 5:19***

\* Jesus was so constituted that He could have sinned if He desired, for He was a perfect man. He was not a God and man mixture; He was God and man. Jesus’ victory was absolute and complete, for He did not once yield to sin although tempted.

“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in a \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ like a \_ w \_ a \_ \_, yet w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_.” ***Hebrews 4:15***

\* Every temptation that you will ever run into will be in one of three basic groups. The three basic groups are:

“For all that is in the world, the l \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, and the l \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_, and the p \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ l \_ \_ \_, is not of the Father, but is of the world.” ***1 John 2:16***

Every temptation will in some way be related to one of these. Just look at these others and see.

“And when the woman ***saw that the tree was good for food***, and that it was ***pleasant to the eyes***, and a tree to be ***desired to make one wise***… ***Genesis 3:6a***

“…***stones be made bread, cast thyself down, fall down and worship me***…” ***Matthew 4;3,6,9***

\* If Jesus were sinful, He had to die on Calvary for His own sins, and we are yet in our sins.

\* If Jesus were sinful, then He was neither the Son of God nor the Son of man, the Saviour.

\* If Jesus was sinful, He was a liar. He was not what He professed to be.

\* If Jesus were sinful, it would be impossible for Him to be a sacrifice on Calvary, God would not accept an imperfect sacrifice for the payment for sin.

\* If Jesus was sinful, the church is built on sinking sand.

\* If Jesus was sinful, you have no hope of eternal security and are headed to hell with no way out.

~The Results of Christ’s Sinlessness~

1. Being sinless, He was the perfect revelation of God to mankind.

***Hebrew 1:1-3***

1. Being human and sinless, He guaranteed us a perfect Mediator. He showed that He came right down to the level of man, being tempted yet resisting and overcoming. He lived a life we could not live. He kept the commandments we could not keep. He satisfied a God we could not satisfy. He offered a sacrifice we could not offer. He is Head over the church in contact with the Godhead.

***1 Timothy 2:5***

1. Being human and sinless, Jesus became an acceptable sacrifice on Calvary for our sins.

***John 1:29***

1. He set a perfect example for us to follow in that He was sinless.

***1 Peter 2:21,22***

1. He points the way to a home in heaven open to us by a sinless Saviour.

***Matthew 11:28***

\* Let us praise God that Jesus Christ came without original Sin and lived a life of absolute moral perfection, and then went back to heaven sinless.

If you are not sure of where you will spend eternity you now can be, for Jesus Christ has done everything. All you have to do is come to Him.

“**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man**

**cometh unto the Father, but by me.” *John 14:6***

**“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that**

**cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” *John 6:37***

**“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” *Romans 10:13***

*~Question~*

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*“Why is it important that Jesus Christ was sinless?”*