

Title: **What went wrong? Continued.....**

ourselves. Since the fall of man we have **ALL** been born separated from a relationship with God and blind to our spiritual condition.

**What the Bible says:**

Sin and death came into human experience through Adam and salvation comes to all men through Jesus  
 Read Romans chapter 5 v 12, v 17 - 21.

**Illustration** – Do the graph of goodness. (draw a graph on a big piece of paper –with perfect good written at one end and perfect evil on the other. Ask them to name a really good person that they are aware of. Ask them where they would put that person on this graph of goodness. Then get them to name a really evil person – again ask them where they would put this person on the graph of goodness. Then ask them where they would put themselves on that graph of goodness. THEN go on to explain to them that this graph is only represents man’s understanding of goodness. If we were to judge people by God’s standard of goodness – then this graph would have to reach up to the sky!!

**POINT** – No matter how good we are all of us have done, said or thought wrong things and have therefore sinned in the eyes of God!

**What the Bible says:**

**The true human condition** – Romans Chapter 1 v 18 – 25

“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – His eternal power and Divine nature – has been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”

**How many people are affected by Sin?** - Romans Chapter 3 v 23 says

“There is no difference, for **ALL** have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God.”

**The wrong we do separates us from God** - Isaiah 59 v 1-2

“Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.”

**Famous Quote - John Stott**

*“Man’s highest destiny is to know God and to be in a personal relationship with God. Man’s chief claim to nobility is that he is made in the image of God and therefore is capable of knowing Him. But this God who we are meant to know and whom we ought to know is a Moral Being and we are sinners. Consequently our sins blot out God’s face from us as effectively as the clouds blot out the sun. Therefore we have no communication with God.”*

**Teaching Point 2: Results of the Fall**

**There are a number of consequences to us and on creation because of our rebellion against God.**

**Whole of creation knocked out of balance** – Our fall has not just affected human beings, but has damaged and knocked out of balance the whole of creation. One of the results of this is the reality of natural disasters and famines.

**Sickness** – The natural viruses and germs that had no effect on us in our unfallen form, resulted in sickness and death after the fall. Sickness of body, mind / emotions and spirit entered into human experience and became part of it.

**Physical Death** – The bible makes it clear that, “the wages of sin is death.” One of the results of the fall is that human beings are now enslaved to physical death.

**Spiritual Death** – This results in us being blind and deaf to God so that we cannot really experience Him in our everyday lives.

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