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Man was created in the likeness and image of God and his chief purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever (Genesis 1:26, 27; Romans 11:36; Psalm 73:25, 26). We teach that in Adam's sin of disobedience to the revealed will and Word of God, man lost his innocence; incurred the penalty of spiritual and physical death; became subject to the wrath of God; and became inherently corrupt and utterly incapable of choosing or doing that which is acceptable to God apart from divine grace.

With no recuperative powers to enable him to recover himself, man is hopelessly lost. Man's salvation is thereby wholly of God's grace through the redemptive work of our Lord Jesus Christ (Genesis 2:16, 17; 3:1, 19; John 3:36; Romans 3:23; 6:23; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Ephesians 2:1, 3; 1 Timothy 2:13, 14; 1 John 1:8).

We teach that because all men were in Adam, a nature corrupted by Adam's sin has been transmitted to all men of all ages, Jesus Christ being the only exception. All men are thus sinners by nature, choice, and by divine declaration (Psalm 14:1, 3; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:9, 18, 23; 5:10, 12).