

ON THE WAY: CREATION AND FALL

THE GOODNESS OF GOD'S CREATION

Genesis 1:1-2:3 (1)

John 1:1-18 (886)

Colossians 1:15-20 (983)

Peculiarly Christian: What God has made is good.
Jesus, the Son of God, stands at the center of all that is.

THE IMAGE OF GOD

Genesis 2:18-24 (2)

1 John 4:7-12 (1023)

Ephesians 5:22-33 (978)

Peculiarly Christian: Made in the image of the Triune God, we are meant to love and be loved.
Marriage reflects Jesus' relationship with His Church.

FALL OF ADAM AND EVE

Genesis 3:1-21 (2)

Romans 5:12-21 (942)

Peculiarly Christian: Adam represented all his children when he fell into sin.
Jesus represented all human beings when he died for sin.

ORIGINAL SIN

Romans 3:9-20 (940)

Peculiarly Christian: Original sin describes the state of guilt and separation from God in which we live. Feeling the lack of love, we tilt towards rebellion.
Without God's help we can do no good thing. Left to ourselves, we will do no good thing.

SMALL CATECHISM: FIRST ARTICLE OF THE CREED

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth."

"What does this mean?"

"I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still preserves them;
"also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods; that He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life;

"that He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil;
"and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me;

"for all which it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him.

"This is most certainly true."