

9. Creation & Fall of Man

BC 14-15; Canons 3&4:1,16; e2

Creation & Fall of Man; Marriage

Man has a material body and a spiritual soul.

Death = Punishment for sin

Now man by nature was dead in sin, totally depraved [Eph. 2:1-3].

Would Adam have become immortal if he obeyed long enough?

No, he still would've been able to sin, and if he sinned he'd die [I Tim. 6:16].

Both Adam & Christ were representative heads. How different?

Adam over the earthly creation. Christ over all things in heaven & earth.

What is meant by a free will [Canons 3&4:16].

What dissolves the marriage bond? Give proof.

Only death [Rom. 7:2-3; I Cor. 7:39]

If one divorces his/her spouse for fornication, is the bond dissolved?

The divorce is a legal separation, but does not dissolve the bond.

Makes no sense to say that the bond is broken only for the innocent party.

The Image of God

Adam bore the image of God. What does this mean?

He was righteous & holy [Eph. 4:24].

He had a true knowledge of God [Col. 3:9-10; HC 6; BC 14].

He was God's son [Luke 3:38].

A father begets a son in his image [Gen. 5:3].

After man fell into sin, whose image did he bear?

The devil's [John 8:44]

Give a common wrong understanding of God's image.

[Narrow sense] True knowledge of God, righteousness & holiness

[Broad sense] Man's understanding & will

They say he lost the image in the narrow sense, but kept it in the broad.

Man bears God's image only if his will & understanding are what?

[His will] must be righteous and holy [Canons 3&4:1, e2].

[His understanding] must be adorned with a true knowledge of God [Canons 3&4:1].

Man lost the image, but remains a man [Canons 3&4:16]