

Westminster Shorter Catechism
Questions 17 & 18
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Q. 17. *Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?*

A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

Rom. 5:12.

Q. 18. *Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?*

A. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

Gen. 6:5-7.

Ps. 58:1-5.

1 Pet. 2:22.

Rom. 5:12-20.

Eph. 2:1-3.

Jas. 1:14-15.

Matt. 15:19.

Pastoral application.

Heidelberg Catechism
appended for comparison

2. Q.2. What do you need to know
in order to live and die
in the joy of this comfort?

A. First,
how great my sins and misery are;
second,
how I am delivered
from all my sins and misery;
third,
how I am to be thankful to God
for such deliverance.