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# Q&A

**Q. 17.** Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

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






# misery

- ... in vocation

*To the woman he said,*

*"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.*

*Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,  
but he shall rule over you."* (Genesis 3:16 ESV)






# misery

- ... in vocation

*And to Adam he said,*

*“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you,  
‘You shall not eat of it,’  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;*

*thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.”*  
(Genesis 3:17-19 ESV)





# misery

- exile

*therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.*  
(Genesis 3:23 ESV)





# sin and misery

- corruption

*"None is righteous, no, not one;  
no one understands;  
no one seeks for God.*

*All have turned aside; together they have become  
worthless;  
no one does good,  
not even one."*

*"Their throat is an open grave;  
they use their tongues to deceive."*


*"The venom of asps is under their lips."*

*"Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."*

*"Their feet are swift to shed blood;  
in their paths are ruin and misery,  
and the way of peace they have not known."*

*"There is no fear of God before their eyes."*

(Romans 3:10-28 ESV)








# sin

- inheritance

*Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— (Romans 5:12 ESV)*

- children of wrath

*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. (Ephesians 2:1-3 ESV)*






# Good News

- protoevangelium

*I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.” (Genesis 3:15 ESV)*

- mother of the living

*The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. (Genesis 3:20-21 ESV)*





# Good News

- But God ...

*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

(Ephesians 2:1-9 ESV)

