

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

- Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?
- Q. 14. What is sin?
- Q. 15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

09/16/2020

Bibliography

- Beeke, Joel R. & Ferguson, Sinclair B. *Reformed Confessions Harmonized*. Baker Books, 1999.
- Calhoun, David. *Reformation & Modern Church History: Lesson 18, The Westminster Assembly*. Covenant Theological Seminary, 2006.
- Gonzalez, Justo L. *The Story of Christianity. Volume 2: The Reformation to the Present Day*. HarperSanFrancisco, 1985.
- Presbyterian Church in America. *The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms*. The Christian Education and Publications Committee of the Presbyterian Church in America, 2007.
- Smith, Morton H. *Harmony of the Westminster Confession and Catechisms*. Tolle Lege Press, 2010.
- Ward, Rowland S. *A Short Introduction to the Westminster Assembly and its Work*. Tulip Publishing, 2019.
- Watson, Thomas. *A Body of Divinity*. Reformed Church Publications, 2009.



Contact

dbcummings@prochristo.com






Q&A

Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.





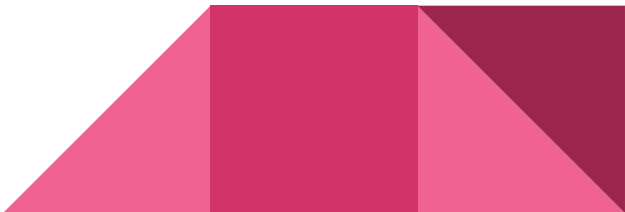
sinning against God

- sin and shame

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

(Genesis 3:6–8, 13 ESV)






sinning against God

- deception

I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me! For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. (2 Corinthians 11:1-4 ESV)





Q&A

Q. 14. What is sin?

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.





sin

- guilt

If anyone sins, doing any of the things that by the Lord's commandments ought not to be done, though he did not know it, then realizes his guilt, he shall bear his iniquity. (Leviticus 5:17 ESV)

- not doing the good

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. (James 4:17 ESV)







sin

- lawlessness

*Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. (1 John 3:4
ESV)*






Q&A

Q. 15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.





the sin

- she ate ... he ate

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. (Genesis 3:6 ESV)

