

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: prefall or post fall (Sarx) ??**

prefall or post fall (Sarx) ?? - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/7/28 0:49

Dead Jesus have a prefall or a post fall Flesh (Sarx)??

What are your thoughts??

Re: prefall or post fall (Sarx) ?? - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2012/7/28 1:17

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Re: sermonindex - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/7/28 1:31

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good thoughts

Romans 8:3

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Philippians 2:7

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Why Did Jesus refer to himself as the Son of Man ??

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/7/28 1:39

Re: //also was born under law.//

It took me a minute to find this verse Gal. ch 4 v 4

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law "

Edit. from this verse, I think we should be able to conclude that the flesh (sarx) of Jesus was made of a post fall woman.

Does anyone else have any thoughts??

Re: - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/7/28 1:52

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Pilgrim

Re: Pilgrim - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/7/28 2:00

Hi Pilgrim

RE: //Jesus had a post-fall physical body but not the flesh nature of Satan that all post-fall humans have.//

I would ask for a scripture but I am aware that there is no one scripture that clearly articulate that Idea.

So could you please expound that thought more clearly using scripture ?

Would you say that post-fall humans are born with a flesh nature of Satan or does it come at awarness, could you expound with scripture??

Re: nature - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/7/28 2:25

Did the Jews have a sinless nature ??

Galatians 2

"15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles"

In what way or how was it that Paul Calls the Gentils sinners and contrast the Jews as having a different nature??

Re: - posted by richrock, on: 2012/7/28 3:10

My understanding is that the scriptures quoted above show he was born into our flesh, becoming like us.

Matt 5:17 - Jesus fulfills the law. Surely fulfilling the law meant a perfect, sinless life?

Re: Foreknowledge - posted by arkp, on: 2012/7/28 10:27

Hi,

Did Jesus, have a pre fall or a post fall (Sarx) ??

I belive he had both, for he had fallen for the truth.

Did the Jewish People Sin? Yes!

Most Christian denominations believe that the Post fall corrupted the entire natural world. Including human nature, causing people to be born into the Original Sin, a state from which they can not attain Eternal Life without the gracious intervention of God.

The Grace of God expresses itself as a combination of many attributes of God. Especially mercy, goodness, compassion, and love.

Eph 2:4-5 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his 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)

PS 145:8 The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Exo 33:19 And he said, i will make all my goodness pass before thee and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom i will be gracious, and will shew mercy to whom i will shew mercy.

This by utilizing the atonement -- for it's the atonement of sin by the Blood of Jesus that's the source of the special Grace of God. Grace classified under material spiritual and divine.

Divine Grace: in general involves God's intervention in human lives. It gives life a meaning and purpose. The general pur

pose of divine grace is to provide assistance to man in reaching God and in implementing stewardship of (good works)

Proud papa Billions? have been neglecting the truth and purity of the risen Christ.

I have a page that I have setup specifically speaking of the Ten Commandments and the Book of Esther if I can find it, if I can find it I will post it later.

Re: prefall or post fall (Sarx) ?? - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/7/28 12:58

What was it that changed in Mans nature at the Fall??

What changes do we see happening internally from Genesis 2:25

"And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

To Genesis 3:7

"And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons"

In what way was there eyes opened??

In what way did this change there nature??

What Is the text implying when it says before the Fall

they were naked and not ashamed but after the fall they

knew that they were naked and tried to cover and hide themselves??

Re: prefall or post fall (Sarx) ?? - posted by twayneb (), on: 2012/7/28 14:03

Heb 4:15

(15) For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Php 2:6-8

(6) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

(7) But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

(8) And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Heb 2:14-18

(14) Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

(15) And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

(16) For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

(17) Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

(18) For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

It is my understanding that He became like me in all things, including a post fall flesh. He was in all points tempted like I was. Yet, He endured and had victory in the temptation and did not sin. Wow! This gives me great hope and encouragement. This means that one who NEVER sinned and yet was tempted in ALL points as I am is the one who can give me help in my own temptation.

Jud 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

The term "Christ" means the one who is anointed of God. Jesus said several times that the things He said and did were not of Himself but came from the Father. In Philippians when Paul talks of Jesus making Himself of no reputation, another very good translation, and in fact probably a better translation of that statement is that He emptied Himself. Emptied Himself of what? Divine privilege and ability. This is why He said in Joh 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

This is a great blessing because He has sent me the Holy Spirit to empower me with the same Spirit that indwelt Him.

I know that was a bit beyond a simple answer to the question, but I have been blessed by having these scriptures come back to me and study them one more time. Thanks for the question. I needed to think on these things again.

twayneb - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/7/28 14:07

Hey twayneb how are the Hay fields looking in Joplin, I am about a hour half south Springfield, there is almost no Hay to be found in the area

Re: twayneb - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/7/28 14:26

good verses to think about

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Re: Your Questions!, on: 2012/7/28 15:04

Quote:

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Adam passed out of life into death. Before his fall Adam was able, at any time to eat of the Tree of Life. Had he done so he would have possessed God's own life and lived for ever! When he fell he fell into death, lost the opportunity to possess God's own life and thereafter became self-dependant.

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In Genesis 2:25 Adam and Eve were innocent. By Genesis 3:7 Adam and Eve were both guilty. This act of making clothes for themselves was the first self-reliant action of man. When Adam took of the fruit from Eve this was man's first ind

ependent action. Eve was deceived and as such could not have acted independently. Being deceived she was acting under an influence. Adam was not deceived and hence he acted independently. This is why sin is reckoned through Adam.

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Their eyes were opened to see nakedness. Innocence precluded any knowledge of nakedness. Only after gaining the knowledge of good and evil, could they see that nakedness produces lust. Whilst innocent they were not aware nor could they experience lust. Their having been given to one another with the implication of their having union of their bodies was holy in that holiness means being set apart. Adam and Eve were created for one another physically and so their union would have been a holy act of exclusivity. Jesus confirmed this exclusivity whilst contending with the Pharisees who sought to trick him regarding marriage. As the Law of Moses had permitted divorce on the grounds of unfaithfulness they sought to set a snare for Jesus. However the Lord showed by His speech that "God had not intended it to be so from the beginning". The very fact that Adam and Eve existed alone without others, clearly establishes this fact. It would have been impossible for them to have been unfaithful. They were created exclusively for one another.

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Nature may mean "that which is natural" or it may mean "the whole substance of their being". God formed man from the ground and breathed into him the breath of life, and man became a living soul. Spirit, Soul and Body. God said, "in the day you eat thereof, you shall die".

Death became their condition. Brought about through sin in disobedience and independence. Not only did death reign in Adam after the fall so also the law of sin and death reigned in his body. His soul after having acted independently of God's commandment and warning, continued independently thereafter.

In contrast the 2nd Adam had a sinless body, acted dependently on the Father and lives forever.

Re: twayneb - posted by twayneb (), on: 2012/7/28 18:15

Brother, I have never seen it so dry in my lifetime. Old timers tell me that there was a spell in the 1950's like this. I am praying for rain. I have good friends in the Ava / Taneyville / Bradleyville area. Anywhere close to there?

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/7/28 18:36

Ya about 45 min from Ava,

I just looked outside we just had a new baby calf born , I do not know what we are going to do this winter the fields are dead.

Re: amrkelly - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/7/29 13:47

Hey amrkelly, great post with some great insight articulated beautifully, I have some further questions to bounce off of what is wrote, but not much time now. When I get more time though.

Re: amrkelly - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/7/31 13:09

RE: //Adam passed out of life into death. Before his fall Adam was able, at any time to eat of the Tree of Life. Had he done so he would have possessed God's own life and lived for ever! When he fell he fell into death, lost the opportunity to possess God's own life and thereafter became self-dependant.//

excellent thoughts

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Excellent thought very true about "first self-reliant"

RE:/When Adam took of the fruit from Eve this was man's first independent action./

I like how you wisely separated self-reliant from independent actions.

I have a question though on what you are defining as an independent action?? I guess you might be implying independent of God's set boundaries, independent of God's Provisions, Which would be true. I find interesting that there was however within those boundaries and provisions freedom of choice " And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat" (Except of course).

'I am just thinking as I am writing so please excuse me for answering my own questions, and feel free to add or correct any of my thoughts.'

It reminds me of this morning, I allowed my two year old son to pick what clothes he wanted to wear. He picked wisely but had he picked a heavy coat, seeing that it will probably get over a hundred degrees today, He would have been crossing my boundary and I would not allow it, As a 2 year old, He is completely dependant upon my provisions and boundaries. yet within those I give him a certain amount of freedom. (as I said just typing as I am thinking feel free to add or correct where needed)

RE: //Eve was deceived and as such could not have acted independently. Being deceived she was acting under an influence. Adam was not deceived and hence he acted independently. This is why sin is reckoned through Adam.//

articulated beautifully gives me some meat to chew on and sheds light on "1 Timothy 2:14

And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression"

And sheds light on /why sin is reckoned through Adam/

I Will try to get to the rest of the post later, Thanks amrkelly your post is very wisely thought out

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/7/31 15:34

2 John 1:7:-For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

it is very important for us to understand that Jesus came in the likeness of our flesh. Which means we can also overcome this world in this flesh. We are initially born of man and hence inherit the sinful nature of man. But Jesus was born of spirit, hence he did not inherit the sinful nature like us. When we accept Jesus as our saviour and born again, We are born now of the spirit like how Jesus was, hence there is no reason for us to have deliberate sin in our post born again life.

I believe the only diff in Adam's flesh before and after fall is the presence of this sinful nature. Since Jesus did not have this nature, he had pre fall flesh.

Re: Independent Actions, on: 2012/8/1 17:35

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I think that what I have in mind in speaking of an independent action is probably the same as saying that Adam's eating of the fruit offered him by Eve, reflected Adam's power to act in disobedience to God's commandment not to eat of that fruit. I have read a few times here on SI questions about why God allowed Adam to sin. My reply has always been that God didn't allow Adam to sin. God in fact forbade Adam to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge, of Good and Evil. This is not allowing. This is disallowing. The only realistic explanation I have read on this subject has been one offered by Watchman Nee in which Nee points to the fact that Adam had a free will. As such he had the power of his own will to obey God or disobey God. In choosing to eat of this fruit Adam clearly disobeyed God. As Adam was not deceived he must have been at that moment inclined to disobey God from his own understanding and desire. This is the meaning of independence. The real question therefore must be why did God give Adam a free will? And why was Adam inclined at that moment to disobey God? Adam was not given a choice about whether he obeyed or disobeyed God. No one has that choice. It would be absurd to believe that we can choose to disobey God. But the power of free will does make it possible to follow one's own inclinations rather than God's will. Even today for those of us who have believed in God and Christ, we still find that we are faced with the terrible reality of denying our selves in order to follow Christ, or else choosing our selves and thereby denying Christ in our actions and words.

Once that choice was made by Adam to follow His own inclination and desire he ever more makes every other action or word spoken or thought entered into, a terrible struggle between following one's own inclinations or else obeying God. This is the real meaning and consequence of independence. As it is the physical body itself which falls into and under the power of sin and death, it is the body itself which provides the most difficult challenge. "This body of sin and death" in Romans is the physical body. When the heart and the mind are governed by this body of sin and death, they also become flesh. The reason for the flood is eluded to by a description of the descent into this carnal mind and heart.

This condition is so strong that it took the giving of the Law of Moses to bring it into visibility. It took the Law of Moses to make sense of it. "Until the Law said 'you shall not covet' I knew not what it was to covet" Moreover God himself must give us the power to believe in Christ. We cannot even believe in Christ without God's saving Grace and a gift of faith to believe. Independence in the end means death, because "in the day you eat thereof, you shall die". Whereas dependence means life, because through Christ's own obedience, we shall live.

Re: amrkelly - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/8/3 16:19

Hi amrkelly thank you for clarifying what you meant by Independent Actions, what you wrote was excellent.

RE://Their eyes were opened to see nakedness. Innocence precluded any knowledge of nakedness. Only after gaining the knowledge of good and evil, could they see that nakedness produces lust. Whilst innocent they were not aware nor could they experience lust.//

excellent, would you agree or disagree that this is the same place that infants are born into, no knowledge of good and evil and no sense of their own nakedness and born with complete innocence??

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What was included in this death?? spiritual, physical, relational, death from innocence or all of the above. Please explain more of what you see this death including or being defined as??

How would you define the (law of sin and death) that reigns in the body??

amrkelly you have shown great insight, I am getting a great blessing from what you have wrote thus far even though I might disagree on some of the conclusions, Very insightful, Thank You

Re: prefall or post fall (Sarx) ??, on: 2012/8/4 10:03

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I believe that babies are born innocent in knowledge so far as their personal experience goes. Clearly this must be the case as a baby has no initial experience. Yet we are told that no man has sinned after the likeness of Adam's sin. It doesn't take long for an experientially innocent baby to become an experientially disobedient infant. On the other hand Adam was a fully developed man, yet he was also innocent. So I believe from this, that even though no one can reach adulthood and accountability without sinning, no matter how naïve or lovely they may be, they cannot be as Adam was. So no one can be an accounted adult and be innocent. One would have to ask where this knowledge of Good and Evil resides. In Genesis we read that Adam begot a son after his own image and likeness. This I believe speaks of spirit, soul and body. Just as Adam was himself created in the image and likeness of God, so his sons are in his image and likeness. Likeness must mean moral likeness and not simply physical likeness. So also it must mean separation from God. Cain and Abel knew God existed, but their labours were in part set apart to God for God Himself to judge their hearts and activities. They clearly both wanted approval, yet only Abel gained approval.

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I believe that the essential change in Adam which took place after the fall was immediate spiritual death. Which is separation from God. Whilst Adam and Eve knew immediately that they were naked, after the fall, they were still unaware that they had died spiritually. Or else that they had become separate from God. It was only after God Himself came into the garden that this condition of separation became real to them. They immediately became afraid of God Himself. Whereas t

they became aware of the power of sin and death in their bodies the moment they sinned. Nakedness which previously was nothing now became an opportunity for sin. This is the body. The soul, even today does not always sin. Yet to the extent that a person is governed by the lusts of the body, to that extent they will sin. There are many lusts and they all produce death, or else become sin, when the soul is governed by the body. Cain and Abel were after Adam's likeness and were subject to the curse which came because of Adam's sin. We can see from their choosing their labour, in fulfilment of the curse to "eat by the sweat of their brow" they chose differently. This choosing shows that the soul which is the instrument of choosing (the will) does not always get it wrong. Yet for Cain his choosing was wrong and Abel's was not. If the soul chooses wrongly it is not long before sin, which is crouching at the door, literally in the body, springs into activity and thereafter a man has to overcome it. In Cain's life he did not master it and so he murdered his brother. Today we are taught to overcome through the cross which bore Christ up unto death. All have died because one, even Christ has died for all. Through baptism we put off the old man and thereafter walk in newness of life. If we insist on walking in our own strength we will always be severely tempted by the power of sin and death working in our own bodies.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/8/4 11:14

I do not like to participate in these theological discussions but will insert something here for your consideration.

1Cor.15:22: For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Some would use this to indicate that since Jesus was made of a woman, was not made of the seed of a man, he was had the pre-fall nature because the sinful nature. (Gal.4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.) In other words, the male DNA carries within it the sinful nature. If Jesus did not have Joseph's DNA, he would have had the nature of a pre-fall person.

The implications of this truth is astounding.

Now I will back out...unless someone challenges me!