

Q What is death eternal?

A The separation of both soul and body from God forever.

Q Did our first parents keep the covenant of works?

A No.

Q How did they break it?

A By eating the forbidden fruit.

Q Who forbade them to eat it?

A. God.

Q Who bade them eat it?

A The devil.

Q Was their eating it a great sin?

A. Yes.

Q What made it so?

A Because in doing it, they disobeyed God, sinned against the clearest light, were unthankful to God, discontented with their condition, and believed the devil rather than God.

Q Did our first parents and all their posterity hereby incur the penalty of the first covenant?

A Yes.

Q Did they die that very day they ate the forbidden fruit?

A They died spiritually that day and also became liable to temporal and eternal death.

Q Did they not lose great happiness by their fall?

A Yes.

Q What lost they?

A They lost the image of God, and communion with God.

Q What mean you by the image of God which they lost?

A That holiness and purity implanted in their natures by creation, which is also called original righteousness.

Q What mean you by the communion with God which they lost? A. The sweet converse and fellowship which our

first parents had with God before the fall.

Q Is there not a way to recover these choice blessings?

A Yes, by Jesus Christ.

Q Are you liable to all these losses and miseries which Adam brought on himself by the fall?

A Yes.

Q Are you guilty of Adam's first sin?

A. Yes.

Q How can that be, seeing you was not then born?

A Because Adam in the first covenant represented me, and stood bound for me and all his posterity.

Q What estate is man born in now? A. In an estate of sin and misery.

Q Brought you any sin into the world with you? A. Yes.

Q How do you call it?

A Original sin.

Q What is that sin?

A The sin that is conveyed to me by my parents from Adam

Q Are you both guilty and filthy by this sin? A. Yes.

Q Is your nature both corrupted and defiled by it? A. Yes.

Q How know you that?

A Because I feel my heart naturally backward to that which is good, and prone to that which is evil.

Q Is original sin enough to damn you, though you had no more? A. Yes.

Q What more sin have you than original sin?

A I have actual sin also.

Q What is actual sin?

A The sin I daily commit in thought, word and deed.

Q Is not original sin the spring of all actual sin? A. Yes.