

An Exposition of the 2nd (1689) London Baptist Confession
Chapter 6.2-3: Of the Fall of Man, of Sin, and of the Punishment Thereof

6.2 Our first parents, by this sin, fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and we in them whereby death came upon all: ^a all becoming dead in sin, ^b and wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body. ^c

^a Rom. 3:23 ^b Rom 5:12, etc. ^c Titus 1:15; Gen. 6:5; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 3:10–19

1. Our first parents, by this sin, fell from their original righteousness and communion with God.
 - a. Our first parents.
 - b. Fell from their original righteousness (Genesis 1:31).
 - c. Fell from communion with God (Genesis 3:8).
2. We also fell, being *in them*, and by this fall death came upon all (Romans 5:12ff).
 - a. We were “in them”.
 - b. Death came upon all (Genesis 2:17; Romans 5:12; 6:23).
 - i. Spiritual
 - ii. Physical
 - iii. Eternal
3. All became dead in sin and wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body.
 - a. All became dead in sin (Ephesians 2:1).
 - b. All were defiled comprehensively (Genesis 6:5; Romans 3:10-19; Titus 1:15).
 - i. In all the faculties and parts of soul (mind, will, emotion).
 - ii. In all the parts of body.

6.3 They being the root, and by God's appointment, standing in the room and stead of all mankind, the guilt of the sin was imputed, and corrupted nature conveyed, to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation, ^a being now conceived in sin, ^b and by nature children of wrath, ^c the servants of sin, the subjects of death, ^d and all other miseries, spiritual, temporal, and eternal, unless the Lord Jesus set them free. ^e

^a Rom. 5:12–19; 1 Cor. 15:21–22, 45, 49 ^b Ps. 51:5; Job 14:4 ^c Eph. 2:3 ^d Rom. 6:20, 5:12 ^e Heb. 2:14–15; 1 Thess. 1:10

1. By God's appointment, our first parents were the root and stood in our place and in our stead.
 - a. By God's appointment (covenantal headship).
 - b. They were the root of all mankind.
 - c. They stood in our place and in our stead (1 Corinthians 15:21-22).
2. The guilt of the sin was imputed, and corrupted nature conveyed, to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation, being now conceived in sin.
 - a. The imputation of guilt (Romans 5:15-17).
 - b. Corrupted nature conveyed (1 Corinthians 2:14).
 - c. By ordinary generation, conceived in sin (Psalm 51:5).
3. All are now by nature children of wrath, the servants of sin, the subjects of death, and all other miseries, spiritual, temporal, and eternal, unless the Lord Jesus set them free.
 - a. By nature children of wrath (Ephesians 2:3).
 - b. By nature servants of sin (Romans 6:20).
 - c. Subject to death and all other miseries (Hebrews 2:14-15).
 - d. Unless the Lord Jesus sets them free (1 Thessalonians 1:10).