

When the Apostles Get it Wrong

Don't you just love it when the apostles get it wrong? You would think that being led by the Holy Spirit (John 14:26 – “But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you;” John 16:13 – “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into all the truth”) the apostles would not get it wrong. Consider “Original Sin.”

The Westminster Confession of Faith:

CHAPTER 6 - Of the Fall of Man, of Sin, and of the Punishment Thereof

“Our first parents, begin seduced by the subtlety and temptations of Satan, sinned in eating the forbidden fruit. This their sin God was pleased, according to His wise and holy counsel, to permit, having purposed to order it to His own glory.

By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body. They being the root of mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed, and the same death in sin and corrupted nature conveyed to all their posterity, descending from them by original generation.”

How did the apostle Paul miss that point, by saying...?!

Romans 5:12 – “Therefore, as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin; and so death passed unto all men, for that all sinned.” So, Paul seemed to think that “death passed unto all men, for that all sinned.”

Being of an inquiring mind, I asked one gentleman the question, “What about Jesus?” Seemed to be important, seeing that, “Him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him.” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

To which, my mind was illuminated! The answer goes something like this: “The ‘sin gene’ passes from the father, not the mother. Therefore, since Jesus did not have an earthly father, and Mary did not carry the ‘sin gene,’ Jesus was born without sin.”

How did Paul miss that?!?! Out of all the doctrines taught, from Adam to John (the apostle), how did that one miss the press? Seeing, as Peter said, “that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue; whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in that world by lust” (2 Peter 1:3-4). Ross Triplett, Sr.