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## The Fall

*The woman could see that the tree was beautiful and the fruit looked so good to eat. She also liked the idea that it would make her wise. So she took some of the fruit from the tree and ate it. Her husband was there with her, so she gave him some of the fruit, and he ate it. Genesis 3:6*



### Sin Enters Mankind's History

The theatrical term **entrance** is the appearance of a character on screen or stage. The term "**making an entrance**" commonly refers to entrances that are particularly prominent or attention-grabbing. Some theatrical entrances mark the first appearance of a character; others show a character entering a scene for the first time. There may be a long build-up before the character is finally revealed to the audience, sometimes showing small glimpses as a teaser. This is especially common in the case of villains. In Genesis Chapter 3 there is a **Villain called "Sin"** that makes its **first super destructive and devastating appearance** in the lives of Mankind.



Since the eating of the forbidden fruit, Sin has been a destructive part of human nature that Mankind cannot cure on its own. Throughout Human History there have been many destructive and devastating events that included the loss of human life:

- The Black Death (Plague) killed over 60% of the population in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance
- Small Pox, a similar disease to the Black Death killed over 300 million people, mainly due to its incredible ability to spread through humans.
- World Wars 1 & 2 (160 million +)
- Nazi Germany/Holocaust (20-30 million)
- Atlantic Slave Trade (60 million)
- Mao Zedong (China) & Joseph Stalin (Russia) (100 million)
- Conquest of the Native Americans; Conquest of the Ming Dynasty; Mongol Conquests (100 million +)



But **No Event** has impacted Mankind like the entrance of **Sin** into our world. Because of **Sin's** entrance, **Every Person Born** since the beginning of life (**approximately 108 billion +**) has died spiritually and requires rebirth which we shall discuss later in this lesson.

*...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...* Romans 3:23



**Sin Defined:**

- Transgression of the law of God
- Deliberate disobedience to the known will of God
- A condition of estrangement from God resulting from such disobedience. (Sin Penalty)

**Fall Defined:**

- To drop oneself to a lower position
- To become lower in degree or level
- To assume a look of shame, disappointment, or dejection

## God Sees and He Knows Our Nakedness

And the eyes of them both were opened. And when they realized themselves to be naked, they joined together fig leaves and made coverings for themselves.

### *Naked Defined:*

- Exposed to harm; vulnerable
- Having no covering, bare; exposed
- With no defense, protection, or shield



Even though Adam and Eve may have wished God was not looking, He saw everything that happened in the Garden. And He has seen everything that has happened, is happening and will happen. The Creator saw the deception, the disobedience, and the nakedness of Mankind's representatives Adam and Eve.





Have you ever seen an animal on the side of a busy road or freeway trying to cross with cars zooming by? Have you ever seen a toddler headed for a hot stove? Have you ever seen what was in the path of a tornado or hurricane? If you answered yes to any of these examples or ones like them, you can now understand how the Creator saw Adam and Eve after they sinned. The scriptures in Genesis Chapter 3 say that *their eyes were now open and they saw that they were naked*. It is true that they did not have clothes to cover them, but **they also realized that they had no defense, protection, or shield**. They felt **exposed to harm and vulnerable**. For the first time in their lives, they felt the pain, which **sin** caused, of being **outside the perfect will of the Creator**. The pain of sin was so great that they wanted to run away and hide. They wanted a covering for their sin, but **spiritual sin could not be covered by natural means**. Fortunately for Adam and Eve, they could not find a place that the Creator cannot see. Let us always remember that **God is still God**. He was not the one in danger in this text. But He was extremely concerned about **the state of Mankind in a sinful world**; just as we would be for the animal on the busy freeway or the toddler near the hot stove. **God Sees and He Knows Our Nakedness**.



## The Consequences of Sin Changed Relationships



Remember the good old days? *The days when mankind didn't have a care in the world. The days when everything came easy and all was right. The days when we had uninterrupted access to the Creator. The days when there was no death or pain or crying or sorrow. The days when every day was the perfect temperature. The days when there was no pollution. The days when males and females were equals and were always in harmony. The days when the lion and the lamb sat and ate grass together and we petted them both.* Does anyone remember those days? I know you can't remember those golden days because **they ended when Sin entered into our world.** And the consequences of Sin changed relationships at many levels in our world. Three Major relationships changed as a direct result of Mankind's sin and our fall:

### **1) Mankind's Relationship to The Creator Changed Monumentally**



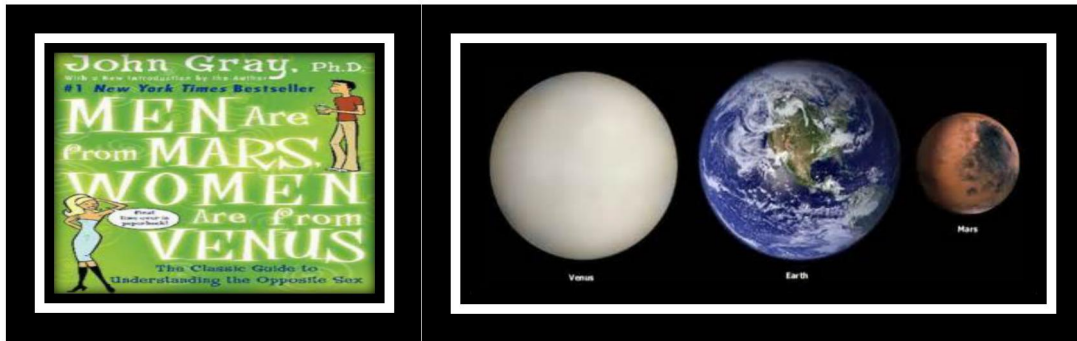
- Confidence for our daily protection and safety **fell** as a result of Sin. We now think that we can and have to protect ourselves from

the dangers of life. Though we may try, The Creator is the only One that can offer Mankind complete protection.



- In many churches around the world, Communion is a ritual that takes place in remembrance of the sacrifice of the Creator's Son. But in the beginning Mankind had the sweetest and most uninterrupted Communion that included 24/7 access. With Sin's intro **communion fell** and **access was disrupted**.
- In the beginning Mankind was aware of the Creator's presence and welcomed it. With Sin, Mankind **felt shame** and **tried to hide** from the Creator's presence.
- Before Sin's intro there was no failure and thus no need to blame others including the Creator Himself for our failure. After Sin we **blame everything** for our failures.
- Before Sin, Mankind attended "Right" school and only knew "Right". After Sin, "Wrong" school opened several locations and we **learned** the ways of "**Wrong**" (quickly and very well).
- Before Sin, Evil existed but had no manifestation in human life. But after Sin, **Good and Evil must coexist** in the same domain. The lamb must live in the same territory as the wolf. The tornado will affect the city that both good and evil people live in.....
- Before Sin there was no need to punish. After Sin entered, the **fear of punishment** caused Mankind to **run away** from the Creator.

## 2) The Male and Female Relationship Changed Colossally



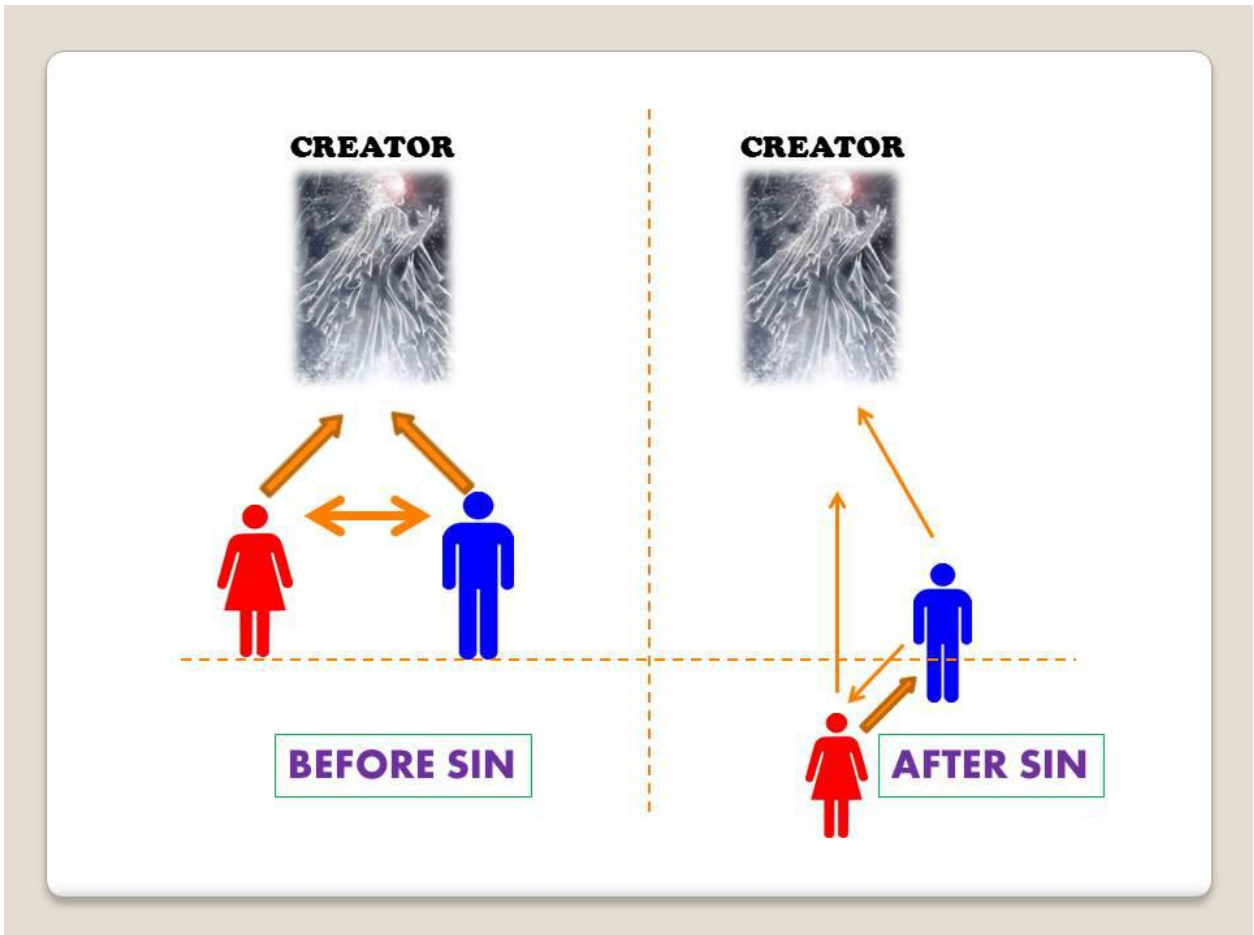
*Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus* is a book written by American author, and relationship counselor, John Gray. It has sold more than 50 million copies and according to CNN it was the "highest ranked work of non-fiction" of the 1990s and spent 121 weeks on the bestseller list. The book states that most of common relationship problems between men and women are a result of fundamental psychological differences between the genders, which the author exemplifies by means of its eponymous metaphor: that men and women are from distinct planets – men from Mars and women from Venus – and that each gender is acclimated to its own planet's society and customs, but not to those of the other. The origin of this book started in Genesis Chapter 3 when Sin entered into Mankind's world.



- Males and Females were **created equal in status** but **different in function**. After Sin entered the world, they became **different** in status and function **due to the punishments** they **received**. Before Sin they did little or no work for their food. They simply managed & enjoyed



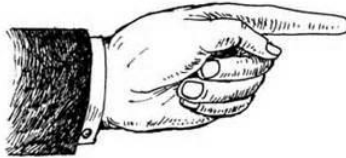
the lush vegetation that was produced in the Garden of the Creator and had plenty of **uninterrupted fellowship** with each other and with the Creator. But after Sin, the focus of both the Male and Female changed. The Male had to spend **long sweaty hours away** from the home working to find and produce food. The Female's focus turned to their children and **near their home**.



If you depend on a person for daily food, you may give them great reverence. Before Sin both genders (from planet Earth) looked **up to Creator** and **across to each other**. After Sin, she looked **up to him** because he now provided her with daily necessities. The Webster dictionary defines: *submit* - *to yield to governance or authority*. She submitted to him and he ruled over her. This **shift in focus changed**

the dynamics of male (from Mars) and female (from Venus) relations forever.

*The man said, "The woman you put here with me gave me fruit from that tree. So I ate it." Genesis 3:12*



- Before Sin the **male praised the Creator** for the creation of the female. She was *bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh....the one who was right for him (Genesis Chapter 2)*. After Sin, he **blames the Creator** for female that enticed him to sin. This finger-pointing **hurt** her internally. She kept this in her heart and it **provided** further **distance** in the male (from Mars) and female (from Venus) relationship.
- Before Sin they **focused** on each others **Godly attributes** which were **spiritual and strong** in a sinless world. After Sin they **focused** on each others **natural attributes** which were **weak, temporal** and led to a **"fleshly"** lifestyle (lesson 10). The lifestyle of **the 'flesh'** can ultimately only lead to discontentment with both male and female.



- Before Sin, the male had no need to **protect himself or her**. After Sin in a sinful world where his **natural weaknesses (nakedness) are exposed** in full sight of his female, he now feels like he has to cover his **nakedness** by protecting himself and her physically. Males throughout human history have spent much of their lives trying to cover this

**protection 'nakedness'** to females. The truth is **only the Creator can fully protect** us in a world where Sin exists and thrives.



- Before Sin, the male had no need to **impress her with his provisions**. After Sin and due to his punishment, he had to work hard for provisions. Males throughout human history have spent much of their lives trying to cover this **provision 'nakedness'** to females. The **Creator was and still is the source** of All Provisions.



- Before Sin, the female had no need to **impress him with her appearance**. She felt **comfortable in her own skin** just as the Creator had made her. After Sin she was not comfortable with her outward appearance due to the internal turmoil she experienced from sin. Females throughout human history have spent much of their lives trying to cover this internal turmoil (**nakedness**) by various external means. The **Creator is the only One** who can give **true peace and joy**.

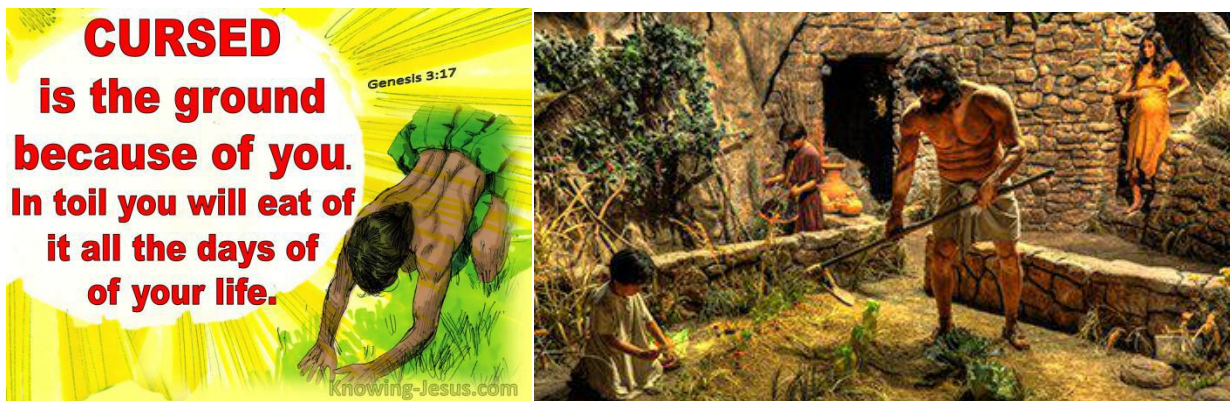


Males and Females are originally from the same planet. But due to the introduction of Sin into the human world, their relationship changed



so drastically that it now seems they are from different planets. Just like they tried to hide their **nakedness** in Genesis Chapter 3, males and females are still trying to hide their **nakedness**. In the **Original Way** both Male and Female **looked Up to the Creator and then Across to each other and** harmony existed.

### 3) **The Relationship of Mankind to the Rest of Creation Changed Catastrophically**



*Paradise Lost* is an epic poem in blank verse by the 17th-century English poet John Milton. The poem's origin is taken from the Fall of Mankind in Genesis Chapter 3 where Paradise here on Earth once existed.



- To truly understand Mankind's Fall and its impact on the rest of Creation, one **must first understand** the **Original Utopia**. This concept of Utopia is hard for Modern Day Humans to envision because we were born and raised in a world where **Sin co-exists with Good**. But imagine



a place where ALL of Creation's needs are met. Imagine one Earth with **No Borders**. Imagine **perfect weather** every day and night. Imagine a place where natural healthy **food** grew **everywhere** and all living creatures had to do was pick and eat. Imagine **No sickness or death**. Imagine everything in **complete harmony**. Keep imagining and you will see what **Utopia** existed **in the Beginning**. But when Sin entered into Mankind's existence, this Paradise was Lost. And this loss affected not only Mankind, but also Mankind's relationship with the Rest of Creation.



- The land changed from production everywhere to production in places. It now had to be worked to produce in places....And later Mankind developed land into cities.



- The weather changed from 'perfect' to seasons. Seasons require changes in food, clothes (made from animal skins), shelter....



- Mankind's need to find and produce food made him a gatherer and farmer. And given that not all areas produced the same, he and other animals now coveted the best lands for food which led to disputes and borders

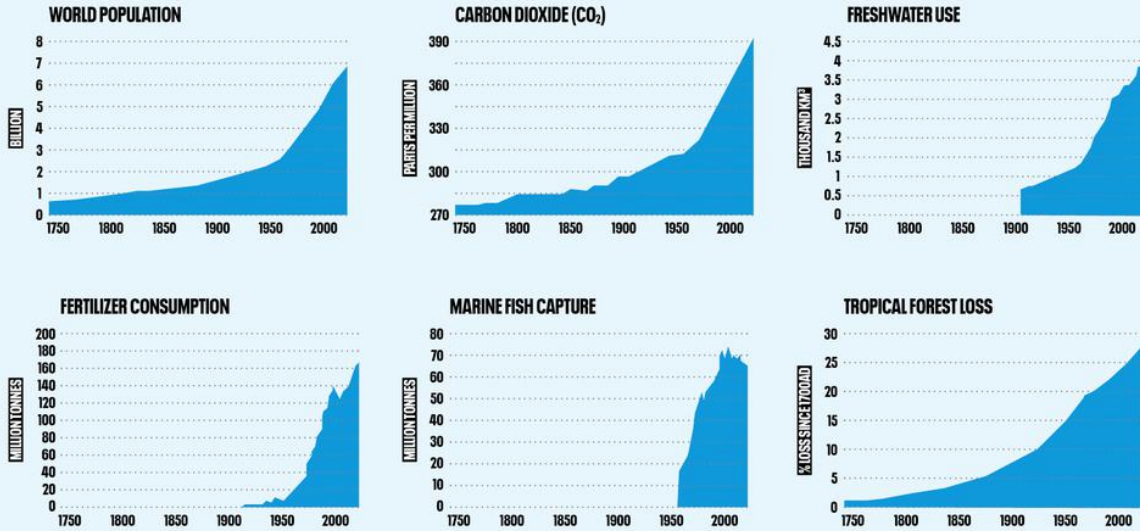


- Living creatures changed from living in harmony to Predators and Prey. They originally ate vegetation and after Sin started to eat flesh.
- Human exploration & consumption has led to the extinction of many species of plants/animals and threatens the health of ALL living things on Earth.



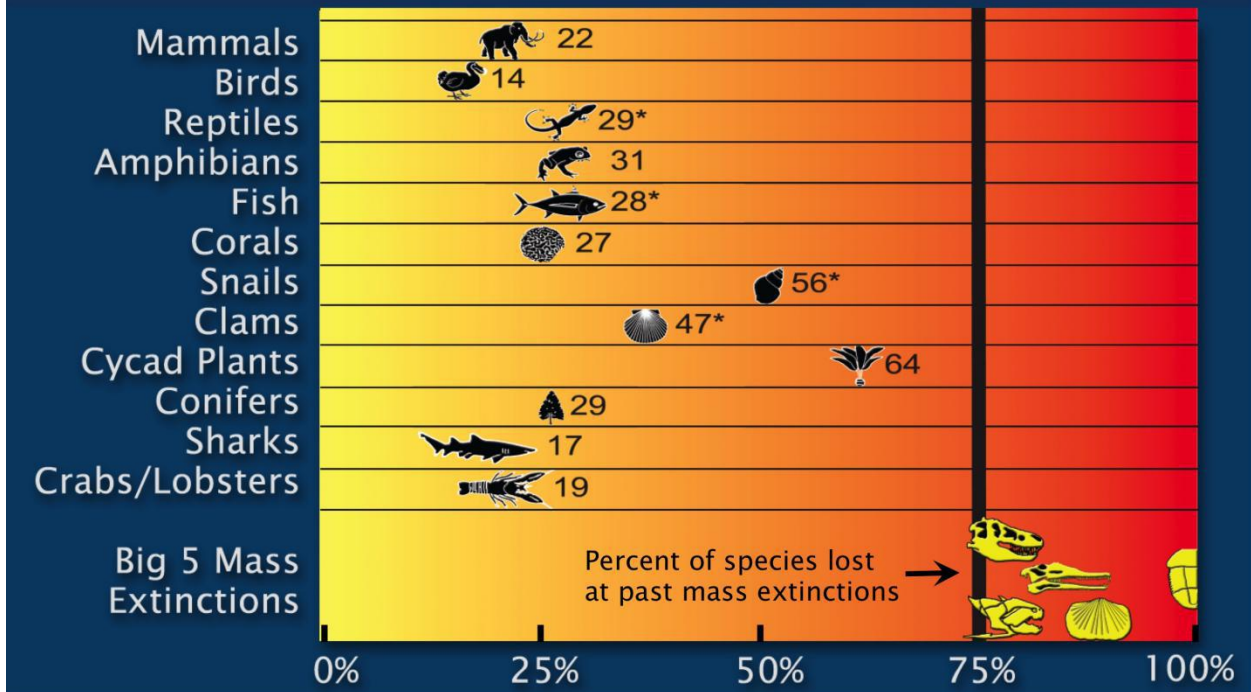
***The Planet*** is a Swedish documentary film on environmental issues, released in 2006. It includes interviews with 29 environmental scientists and experts. **Endgame 2050** is another such documentary that details how Mankind through our lifestyle choices & consumption are permanently destroying the only known perfect habitat for us and the rest of Living Creation. As population increases so does the following:

# HUMAN FOOTPRINT



Source: WWF

## Percent of Evaluated Species Considered Threatened With Extinction by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature



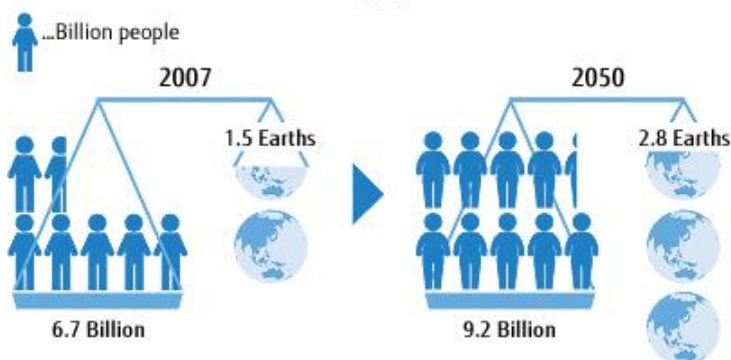


Threatened species, shrinking forests, expanding deserts, falling water tables, eroding soils, rising temperatures, ice melting, more destructive storms, rising sea levels, changes in chemistry of the oceans and atmosphere, fully exploited fisheries....are all physical signs of **environmental stress** that is happening **to our Planet Earth**. Much of this stress is being **caused by Mankind**.



Today Mankind has a population of close to 7.8 billion people, and we are already over-consuming our resources. Our greatest scientists are giving us a **“wake-up”** call. But with Sin existing in our world, Mankind will continue destroying the Earth Ecosystems and ourselves.

**Predicted increases in world population and resource consumption**



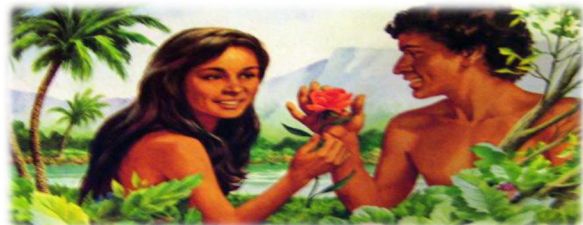


## The Sin Penalty & the Need for Reconciliation by a Savior

*But there is one tree we must not eat from. God told us, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden. You must not even touch that tree, or you will die.'* Genesis 3:3



The United States House of Representatives is a part of the United States Congress. Congress is the legislature of the U. S. government and makes federal laws. The other part of Congress is the U. S. Senate. There are maximum 435 members in the United States House of Representatives. The laws that are made by the U.S. **representatives impact** over 200 million people in the U.S. **and billions** of people around the world.



In the Pre-Sin world there was **one Law-Maker** called the Creator and Mankind had **two historical Representatives** called **Adam and Eve**. Their role was to receive the simple instructions from the Creator and obey them. When Mankind's Representatives **both decided** (like the House & Senate) to **disobey** the Creator's instructions of eating from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, **Sin and its Penalty of Death**

was imputed to **All** of Mankind's constituents (**approximately 108 billion people so far**) forever. **Mankind not only died a physical death, but also died a Spiritual death** as a result of this **Sin Penalty**. No matter whom you are, when you were born, where you were born, how you were born, we are **ALL born under this Penalty**. The Fall of our representatives was eternally devastating. All hope was lost because Mankind **could not provide our own atonement** for our sin.



- **ONLY A PERFECT SACRIFICE COULD ATONE FOR THE SIN PENALTY OF MANKIND.**
- **If All Mankind was born corrupt and under the Sin Penalty, then NONE of us could atone for us.**
- **THE SON OF THE PERFECT CREATOR, JESUS, WAS THE ONLY SACRIFICE THAT COULD ATONE FOR THE SIN PENALTY IMPUTED BY THE FALL OF MANKIND'S REPRESENTATIVES**



The sad, traumatic and eternally devastating Fall of Mankind is contrasted by the joyous, celebratory, eternal liberation from **Sin's**

**Death Sentence** that was **paid for by the Blood Atonement** of the Son of the Creator, **Jesus. HE DIED IN OUR PLACE.** And the most wonderful part about this sacrifice is **He didn't have to do it.** He could have said, *'No way....Let them die....'* But because of **His Love** for Mankind, He did it. **This is Love.** And to receive this **Salvation** (*freedom from the Sin Penalty*) and restoration to our **Pre-Fall status** with the Creator, All we have to do is **repent** of the way of Sin **and accept** the Savior's Sacrifice that has already been made. We do not have to recite a thesis, blow up a building, sacrifice children or animals, pay large sums of money, lead a revolution, ascend into space, become reincarnated....Actually there is **NOTHING** that you can do. **HE DID IT ALL. IT IS FINISHED.** And so is this lesson. I hope you enjoyed it.

