

What is the cause of the death and depravity of man, made in God's image?

When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate (NASB; Gen. 3:6).

. . . through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned (NASB; Rom. 5:12).

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me (Ps. 51:5).

The cause of the death and depravity of man made in God's image, is *the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, so that our nature became so corrupt that we are all conceived and born in sin.*

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