#### What We Believe: Sin & Mankind

Genesis 1:26-27, 3:8-9



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Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. (NIV®)

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#### Constitution & By-Laws

#### Marriage & Human Sexuality

All Pastors, Elders, and Deacons shall affirm and uphold a biblical definition of marriage and human sexuality, meaning, God created marriage to be between one naturally-born man and one naturally-born woman; therefore, this is the only good and acceptable relationship to express and experience sexual intimacy (Genesis 2:18, 21-25, Matthew 19:4-9, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Ephesians 5:21-33, 1 Timothy 1:9-10).

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**Judges 20:16** Among all these soldiers there were seven hundred select troops who were left-handed, each of whom could sling a stone at a hair and <u>not miss</u>. (NIV®)

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Genesis 3:8-9 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" (NIV®)

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(8) We believe that as a consequence of the Fall, all human beings are born with a sin nature, rebellious toward God, choose willingly to sin, and are therefore under God's condemnation.

- 1. Sin breaks our relationship with God.
- 2. Sin breaks our relationship with others.

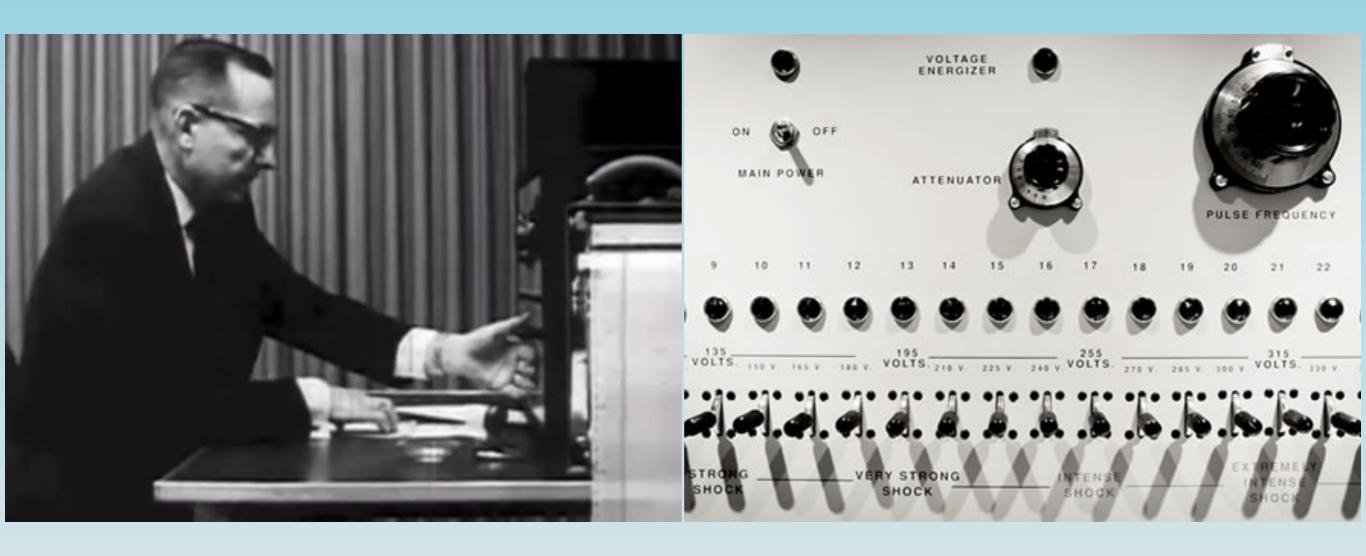
2. Sin breaks our relationship with others.

Genesis 3:12-13 The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." (NIV®)

### The Milgram Experiment



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- 2. Enter into relationship with God and others.

# Big Idea: Christ can restore your humanity.