

CONTROLLING SIN: CAIN'S IMPOSSIBLE DUTY

How Sin Entered the World (Review)

Genesis 1:31 & 2:1-17 & 3:1-23

2:1 God finished making all the many, many things in the heavens and on the earth. 1:31 God looked at everything he made: It was very good!

2:8 God planted a garden – the *Garden of Eden*. And God put Adam, the first man, in the garden. 16 God said to Adam, “You can eat fruit from any tree in the garden. 17 But you must not eat fruit from the *Tree of Knowing Good & Evil* – because, if you eat it, you will certainly die.”

3:1 Satan came to the woman, Eve, and 4 said, “You will not die. 5 You will become wise. You will be like God – you will know good and evil!”

6 So she took the fruit – and she ate it. Her husband was with her. So she gave the fruit to her husband – and he ate it. 8 Then Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden. And Adam and Eve hid from God. 13 Then God said to Eve, “What bad thing did you do?”

22 And God said, “Now the man knows good and evil. So we must not let the man eat fruit from the *Tree of Life* (that is in the middle of the garden) and live forever – we must not let the man live forever. 23 So God kicked Adam [and Eve] out of the *Garden of Eden*.

Cain's Impossible Duty (Review)

Genesis 4:1-8

4:1 Adam slept with his wife Eve – and Eve became pregnant. And Eve gave birth to a son, Cain. 2 Later Eve gave birth to another son, Abel.

3 After a while, Cain brought an offering to God. 5 But God was not happy [1] with Cain – and God was not happy [2] with Cain's offering. So Cain was very angry – and he felt down.

6 Then God said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why do you feel down? 7 Do what is right – and I will accept you. But, if you do wrong, sin is crouching at your door – sin wants to own you. But you must rule over sin – you must control sin.

8 Then Cain attacked Abel – and Cain killed Abel.

CONTENT QUESTIONS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What did God **tell** Cain to do? (Genesis 4:7)
- Did Cain do what was right? Did Cain control sin? Did Cain rule over sin? (verse 8)
[Sin = bad thoughts, bad words, bad actions – and not **obeying God**]

Can we **always** control sin? Can we always do right – and **never** do wrong?

If we say: “I have never sinned” – we are saying: “God is a liar.”

1 John 1:10

WHY DO WE ALL SIN?

What do all **parents** tell their children?

Do parents say: “Do bad things”? Or do parents say: “Do good things”?

Why are 2-year-old children not **respectful** and not **obedient** to parents?

Why are they angry, **stubborn** and **selfish**?

Why do bad things **pour out** of their hearts?

I was sinful when I was born – I was sinful when my mother conceived me.

Psalms 51:5 or 7

Really?! Do our cute, little babies sin?

No. Cute, little babies don't sin.

Babies are **too little** to sin!

Do baby **birds** fly?

No. Baby birds don't fly.

Baby birds are **too little** to fly.

But baby birds have flying **in** them!

So, in **about 2 weeks** baby birds will fly.

And our babies have Sin **in** them!

So, in 2 years, bad things **pour out** of our babies' hearts.

So we call it: **The Terrible Twos!**

So we are born with bad hearts – not good hearts. This is our big problem!

WHY ARE WE BORN IN SIN?

Sin entered the world through one man – Adam.

Romans 5:12

So, we inherited our Old Self * (our Sin Nature) from our first ancestor.

Really?!

Yes! Where did your **hair color** and your **eye color** come from?

So our Old Self (Sin Nature) also came from our ancestors.

HOW POWERFUL IS SIN?

- What does Sin want to do to us? (verse 7)

Jesus said, “Do you sin? Then you are Sin’s slave.”

John 8:34

How serious is this problem? How serious is it to be Sin’s slave?

34 Jesus said, “Are you Sin’s slave? 35 Then you are not a member of God’s family forever – because a slave is not a member of a family forever – a slave is only a worker. But a son is a member of God’s family forever!”

John 8:34-35

HOW POWERFUL IS JESUS? CAN JESUS MAKE US FREE?

34 Jesus said, 36 “I am God’s Son [so I have God’s power]. So I can free you from being Sin’s slave. If I make you free, you will really be free!”

John 8:34, 36

Who can make us free from being sin’s slave?

Who can make us a son in God’s family?

How did Jesus make us free?

8 We died on the cross with Jesus. 6 Our Old Self was a slave to Sin – but our Old Self was put on the cross with Jesus. So, now, we are not Sin’s slaves. 7 Why? Because we have died – our Old Self died with Jesus. So we are free from Sin – 14 now Sin is not our slave master.

Romans 6:6-7, 14

A dead slave does not have to obey the slave master anymore!

(Romans 6:7, 14 & 7:1-4)

So we have a new identity!

Are you in Jesus – do you believe in Jesus? Then you are brand new! The old you is gone. Look! You have become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

We have a New Self!

Your New Self is made to be like God – your New Self is made good.

Ephesians 4:24

BUT JESUS DIED 2000 YEARS AGO! HOW CAN JESUS HELP ME TODAY?

How can Jesus give us a new identity?

14 Jesus became human like us. Why? So he could die for us 15 and make us free.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Jesus is our representative – Jesus died for us (if we believe in Jesus).

So, when Jesus died, we died.

For example: 200 years ago in Japan...

The Tanaka family had one daughter and no sons.
So the Tanaka family name could not **continue**.

So a son in the Mori family **agreed** to **marry** the Tanaka's daughter.
And the Mori son took the Tanaka family name.
Now, he was not a member of the Mori family –
now, he was a member of the Tanaka family.

So all his children, **grandchildren** and descendants became Tanaka's –
they did not become Mori's.

His **decision** 200 years ago **changed** the identity of all his descendants!
When he changed his name, all his descendants' name changed too –
because he **represented** all his descendants.

WE HAVE A NEW IDENTITY. SO CAN WE **AUTOMATICALLY** CONTROL SIN?

No, it is not automatic.

But now we **can** control sin.

Before we believed in Jesus, we could **not** control sin.

So we **still** must **fight** **against** Sin and our Old Self –
we must **fight** **until** our **body** dies and we go to **heaven**.

But we **can** do good – because we are not Sin's slave – and we have a New Self.

So how can we do good now? How can we obey God? How can we make God happy?

Live everyday by the Holy Spirit's power – then you won't do the bad things that your Old Self wants to do.

Galatians 5:16

3If we **follow** the Holy Spirit (Jesus' Spirit / God's Spirit) – and if we don't follow the Old Self – we can do what God's **Law** expects.

Romans 8:4

What does God's Law expect?

37Love your God. 39And love other people.

Matthew 22:37, 39

But when we sin, what must we do?

Tell God our sins – and God will **forgive** our sins – and make us 100% **clean**.

1 John 1:9

Good news! When we see Jesus in heaven, we will never sin again! It will be automatic!

* "Old Self" used here because it is easier to understand. In Greek (the language of the New Testament) the word is: "flesh."
"Flesh" does not mean our physical bodies. "Flesh" (apparently) means everything in us that fights against God and cannot and will not make God happy.

control	管理する、抑制する、收拾する、押さえる
sin	悪い考え、態度、言葉、行い – 罪、罪を犯す
Cain	カイン
impossible	不可能な、果たせない
duty	義務、義理
part	パート、部分
how	どう、どのくらい
enter	入る
world	世、世界
finish	終える
make - made - made	造る、作る、させる
all	すべて
many	多くの、大勢の
heavens	大空、天
earth	地、地球
look	見る
everything	すべて、全部
very	非常に
good - better - best	良い・より良い・最も良い、正しい
plant	植える
garden	園、菜園
Garden of Eden	エデンの園
put - put - put	置く、入れる
Adam	アダム（最初の男）
first	第一、一番目、最初、まず、初めに、最初の
can - could	できる
eat - ate - eaten	食べる
fruit	実
from	から
any	ほんの少しでも、何も、誰も、どれでも、なんでも、どれも
tree	木
but	しかし

must • must not	しなければならない・してはいけない
Tree of Knowing Good & Evil	善悪の知識の木
because	～のため、～のせい、なぜなら
if	もし
certainly	確かに、必ず
die	死ぬ
Satan	サタン、悪魔
come - came - come	来る
Eve	エバ、最初の女
become - became - became	なる
wise / wiser / wisest	知恵に満ちる、知恵ある
like	のように、に似てる、似る
take - took - taken	取る、受ける、受け取る
with	一生に（いる）、一生に（やる）、（それ）で（やる）
give - gave - given	上げる、下さる、献げる
then	そして、その場合、その時、そしたら
hear - heard - heard [pronunciation = heer - hrd - hrd]	聞く、聞こえる
walk	歩く
hide - hid - hidden	隠れる
bad	悪い
now	今、もう、さて、それで
let	させる、許す
Tree of Life	命の木
middle	中央、真ん中
live	生きる
forever	永久に、永遠に
kick out	追い出す
sleep - slept - slept	眠る、(妻と) 寝る
become pregnant	妊娠する
give birth - gave birth - given birth	産む
son	息子

later	あとで、その後
another	別の、他の、もう一人、もう一つ
Abel	アベル
after a while	のちに
bring - brought - brought	連れてくる、持ってくる、もたらす
offering	供え物
so	だから、それで、それに従って、そのためには、そんなに
angry	怒る
feel down - felt down - felt down	落ち込む
why	なぜ、どうして
right	正しい、正しいこと、ちょうどいい
accept	受け入れる
wrong	悪いこと、悪い、悪の
crouch	(忍び寄る為に) しゃがむ
want	欲しい、欲しがる、望む、求める、やりたい
own	所有する、持つ、有する
rule over	支配する
attack	攻める、攻撃（する）
kill	殺す

tell - told - told	命じる、教える、伝える、戒める、話をする
obey	従う
always	いつも
never	決して、一度も～ない
liar	偽り者
parent (parents)	親（両親）
respectful	尊敬すること、敬意を払うこと
obedient	服従
stubborn	頑固
selfish	自己中心
pour out	注ぎ出す
heart	心

sinful	悪い、罪深い
born	生まれる
conceive	身ごもる
really	本当に、実に、とても
cute	かわいい
little	小さい
baby	赤ちゃん
too	～すぎる、あまりに、も
bird	鳥
fly	飛ぶ
about	について、約
week	週
terrible twos	魔の2歳児
through	を通して
inherit	(跡を) 継ぐ、受け継ぐ
Old Self	古い自分（神に反対する生まれたままの自分）
Sin Nature	(生まれたままの) 罪の性質、罪の本性
ancestor	先祖
hair	毛
color	色
eye	目
come from - came from - come from	～から生まれる、～から発する、による、根ざす、から来る
powerful	力ある、力強い
Jesus	イエス、イエス・キリスト
slave	奴隷
serious	重大な、深刻な、大変な
problem	問題
member	メンバー、一員
family	家族
worker	労働者、働き人
free	自由、自由にさせる

cross	十字架
master	主人
dead	死んでる
anymore	もう
identity	正体、身元
brand new	仕立て上がり、新品
old	古い、前の
go - went - gone (go away) (is gone)	行く、去る、いない
look!	ほら
new	新しい
New Self	新しい自分（イエスを信じたら、神に造られる自分）
ago	前に
help	助ける
today	今日
human	人間
for	のために
representative	代表者
for example	例えば
continue	続けて、続く、続ける
agree	受け入れる、一致する、賛成する
marry	結婚する
grandchild (2 grandchildren)	孫
decision	決定、決断、決意
change	変わる、変える
represent	代表する
automatically	自動的に
before	前、以前、の前、前に
still	まだ、今でも
fight - fought - fought	戦う、喧嘩する、戦うこと、反対する
against	に対して、に反して、逆らう
until	まで
body	体
heaven	天国

follow	従う、についていく、後についていく
Law	神様の律法
expect	期待する
love	愛する、愛
other	他の、他
forgive - forgave - forgiven	赦す
% percent	パーセント、%
clean	清い
good news	良い知らせ、神様からの良い知らせ、救いのメッセージ、福音