
SIN AND ITS EFFECTS

Grace

NATURE OF SIN

- Turning against God
 - Corruption
 - Guilt

SEVERITY OF SIN (SEE ANSELM, *CUR DEUS HOMO*)

- Turning away from the creator
 - Guilt
- State of rebellion against the creator
 - Debt of punishment
- Refusal of God
 - Stain
- Deformation of our nature
 - Corruption
- Original sin and actual sin

ORIGINAL SIN

- What it is
- How it is passed on
- Original Sin and actual sin

THE STATE OF SIN (SEE MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR, AMONG OTHERS)

- We are no longer open to the presence of God
- We act out of fear rather than trust
- Short-term pleasure becomes the only option
- Vices: gluttony, fornication, avarice, grief, wrath, listlessness, vainglory, pride
- Our desire is confused and unfocused. It has the effect of splintering the human into thousands
- Double separation from God and from neighbor, separation from love

POWERS OF FALLEN NATURE (SEE THOMAS AQUINAS, ST I Q. 109)

- Truth
- Good acts
- Loving God
- Loving neighbor
- Fulfilling the commandments
- Meriting eternal life
- Preparation for grace
- Rising from sin
- Avoiding sin
- Perseverance in the good

INTEGRITY OF FALLEN NATURE

- Recognition of the good
- True desire for the beautiful
- Ability to recognize pleasure
- Knowledge of the true
- Dim awareness of reality
- Potential for God

THE REMEDY

ISSUES IN ORIGINAL SIN