

Welcome to Reality!

Heaven & Hell series – pt. 1

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It's not supposed to be like this!

But it is...because of SIN

To Adam he (God) said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground since from it you were taken." Genesis 3:17-19

Sin has affected ALL of creation.

Sin has affected the TOTAL person.

BODY

EMOTIONS

MIND

HEART

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Total Depravity: What total depravity does mean is that sin is a matter of the entire person...the sinner is completely unable to remove himself from his sinful condition. Christian Theology, Millard J. Erickson

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Sin has affected our RELATIONSHIP with God.

¹²So then, just as sin entered the world through one man (Adam) and death through sin, and so death spread to all people because all sinned... Romans 5:12

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27 NIV

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." Genesis 1:26

¹¹He has made everything beautiful in its time. He also has planted eternity in men's hearts and minds (a divinely implanted sense of a purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun but God alone can satisfy), yet so that men cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. Ecclesiastes 3:11 Amplified Bible

Eternity = ancient, future, hidden, forever

It's not supposed to be like this!

and it won't be – because of HEAVEN

God has...

made us in His IMAGE

put ETERNITY in our hearts and

created us to live FOREVER

¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.

²In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:1-3 NIV