

Anthropology

A Study on Man

Origins

- ◆ Evolution
- ◆ Theistic Evolution
- ◆ Creationism

Evolution: Principles

1. Planets and stars resulted from a big-bang explosion of compressed, rotating protons and neutrons.
2. Life began completely by chance when a single cell appeared from nonliving matter.
3. Having begun by chance, all other living organisms have developed from that first and subsequent simpler forms of life which gradually increased in complexity, thus producing man.

Evolution: Process

◆ $M + NS \times T = \text{Evolution}$

Evolution: Problems

- ◆ Mutations
- ◆ Natural Selection
- ◆ Time

Theistic Evolution

- ◆ adds a “supernatural being” in the mix as the invisible force that started the long process of evolution

Creationism

- ◆ Principle characteristic: the Bible is its sole basis
- ◆ Isa 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

Creationism: Key Components

- ◆ Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- ◆ Gen 1:21 God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves,... and God saw that it was good.
- ◆ Gen 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- ◆ Gen 2:7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

This Specialness means

- ◆ your body matters
- ◆ you are a living being
- ◆ you were fitted perfectly for life and fellowship with God
- ◆ you are an accountable being to your Creator

Dichotomy or Trichotomy

- ◆ Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- ◆ 1Thess 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ◆ 1Cor 15:44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

Believer's Counter

- ◆ Gal 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?
- ◆ Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.
- ◆ 1Jn 4:4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.
- ◆ Zech 4:6 Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts."

Satan's Fate

- ◆ Col 2:14,15 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.
- ◆ Jn 12:31 Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.
- ◆ Jn 16:11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.
- ◆ Heb 2:14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil

Satan's Fate

- ◆ Mt 25:41 Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels
- ◆ Rev 20:10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

The Fall - Gen 3

- ◆ the test: obedience to God
- ◆ the temptation: "there is a better plan"
- ◆ the penalties: guilt, loss, and contamination
 - ◆ Rom 5:20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more

The Sin: Words

◆ chata / harmartía = missing the mark	◆ rasha = rottenness
◆ ra = ruin	◆ taah = resolute nature
◆ pasha = rebellion	◆ kakos = ravishing nature
◆ awon = regret	◆ planao = rambling
◆ shagag = responsibility	◆ hypocrisis = rationalization

Sin: Sources of

- ◆ world

- ◆ 1Jn 5:4,5 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

- ◆ flesh

- ◆ Gal 5:19-21 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

- ◆ devil

- ◆ 1Pet 5:8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour
- ◆ 2Cor 2:11 so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

Sin Nature

- ◆ innate - Eph 2:3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
- ◆ affects our intellect - 2Cor 4:4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel.... Eph 4:18 being darkened in their understanding,...
- ◆ affects our emotions - Rom 1:21,24,26 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.... Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity,... For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions....
- ◆ affects our will - Rom 7:20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

Sin Nature

- ◆ Total Depravity

- ◆ Rom 1:28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper
- ◆ Rom 3:10-12 THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD; ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE.

Sin Nature

- ◆ Penalty

- ◆ Eph 2:1-3 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Sin Nature

- ◆ Remedy

- ◆ New Life

- ◆ Rom 8:1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

- ◆ Gal 5:24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

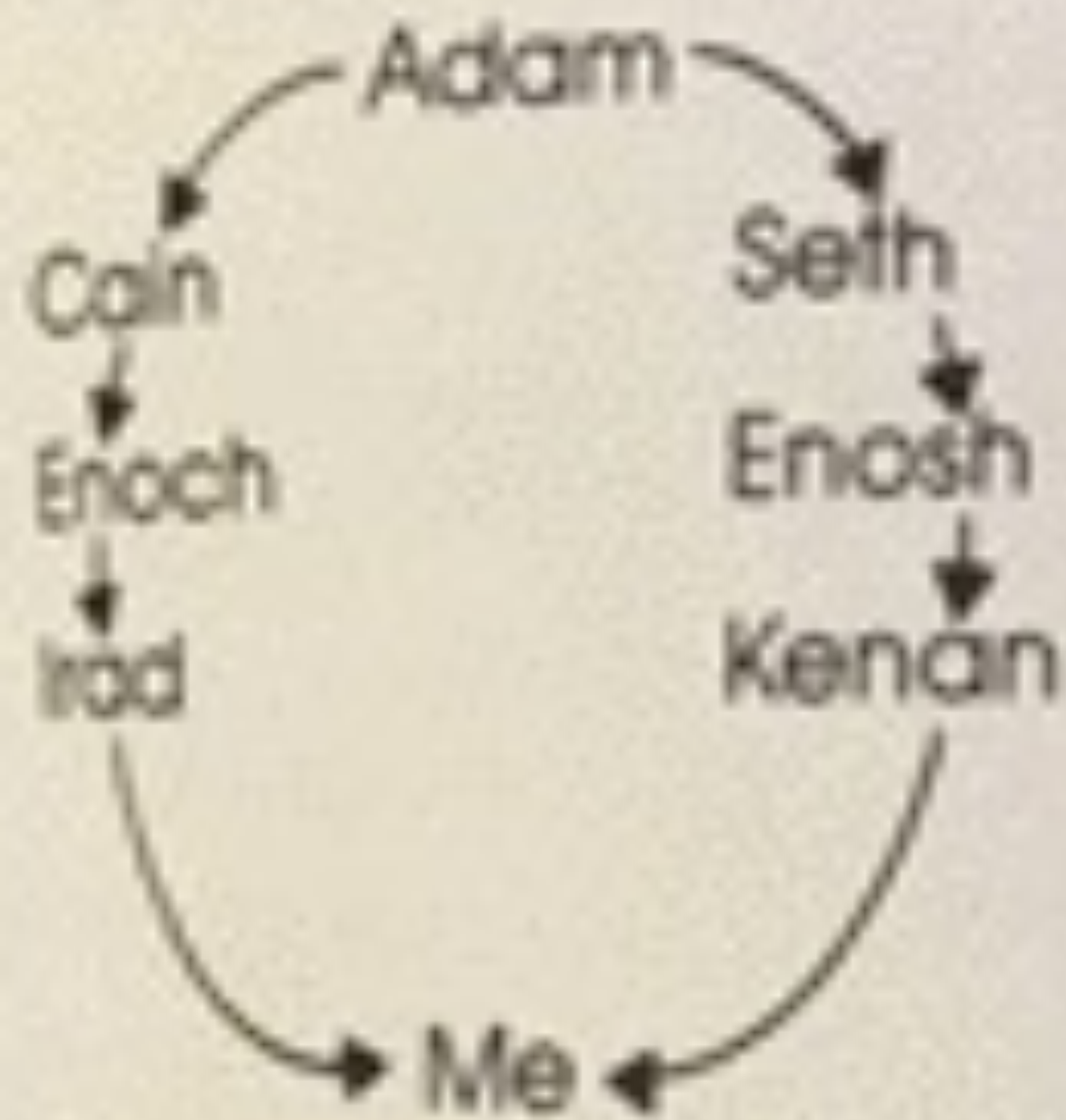
- ◆ Empowerment

- ◆ Gal 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

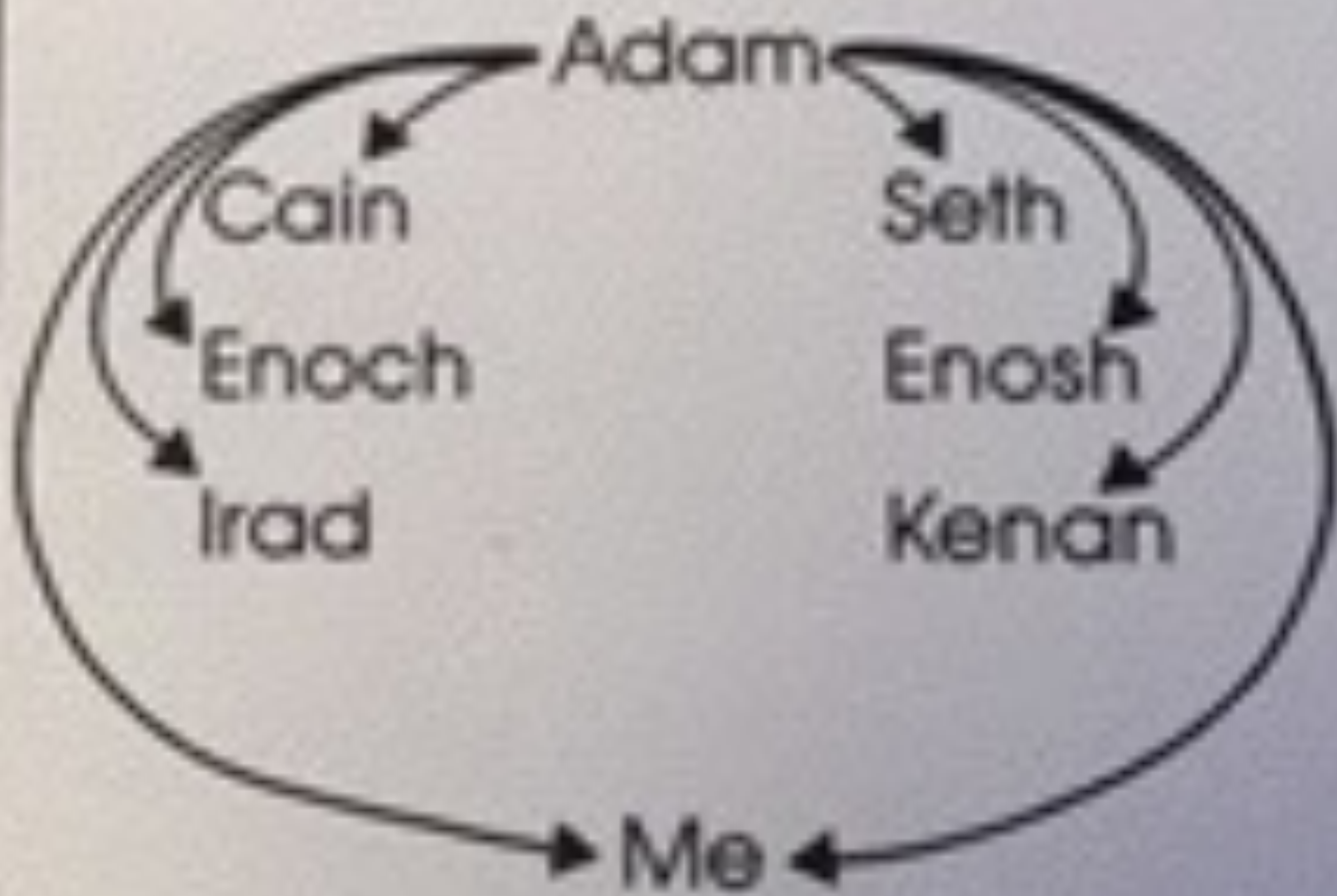
Sin: Imputation Of

- ◆ Kinds of
 - ◆ Adam's sin to the race (Rom 5:12-21)
 - ◆ Man's sin to Christ
 - ◆ 1Pet 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross
 - ◆ 2Cor 5:19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them
 - ◆ Christ's righteousness to believers
 - ◆ 2Cor 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

INHERITED SIN



IMPUTED SIN



Sin: Imputed

- ◆ Penalty: Physical Death
- ◆ Universal - Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Sin: in the life of a believer

- 1Jn 1:8,10 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.... If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.
- 1Jn 3:9 No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. “keeps on” “continues”

Sin: Penalties for the believer

- ◆ 1Jn 1:3,6-7 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Sin: Penalties for the believer

- ◆ Jn 15:11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.
- ◆ Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Sin: Penalties for the believer

- ◆ 1Jn 1:6; 2:10 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.... Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.

Sin: Penalties for the believer

- ◆ 1Jn 3:19-22 This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.
- ◆ Ps 68:18 If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear

Sin: Penalties for the believer

- ◆ Heb 12:7-11 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Sin: Penalties for the believer

- ◆ 1Cor 11:30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.
- ◆ 1Jn 5:16 If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that.

Sin: Penalties for the believer

- ◆ 1Cor 3:10-15 By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

Sin: Preventives for the believer

- ◆ Ps 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
- ◆ Heb 7:25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.
- ◆ 1Thess 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit

Sin: Preventives for the believer

- ◆ Pro 27:17 Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.
- ◆ Heb 10:24,25 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Sin: Preventives for the believer

◆ Eccl 4:12 Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.

◆ 2Tim 2:22

Sin: Preventives for the believer

- ◆ 2Tim 2:22 Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.



Spiritual Development

- Col 1:19-20 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Forever

- ◆ His position of bringing many “sons to glory.”

Manifest man to God

- ◆ 1Pet 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps
- ◆ Phil 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus
- ◆ Eph 5:27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless
- ◆ Jude 24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy

Be Merciful and Faithful High Priest

- ◆ Heb 4:14-16 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- ◆ 1Tim 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus
- ◆ Heb 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- ◆ 1Pet 1:19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ

Once for all

- ◆ Heb 7:27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself
- ◆ 1Pet 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit
- ◆ Heb 10:12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT
DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

Destroy the works of the devil

- ◆ Heb 2:14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil
- ◆ 1Jn 3:8 The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

Become our Federal Head

- ◆ Rom 5:15-19 But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification. For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

Deliver us from fear of death

- ◆ Heb 2:14,15 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

Sit on David's Throne

- ◆ Lk 1:30-33 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."
- ◆ Acts 2:30,31 And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.
- ◆ Acts 1:11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

Oneness

- ◆ Eph 4:3-6 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Jesus speaks to the Father

- ◆ Jn 17:1-3 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
- ◆ Lk 23:46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

Functional Order in the Trinity

- ◆ Regarding Salvation:
 - ◆ Father planned
 - ◆ Son procured
 - ◆ H.S. promotes and proclaims

