

Some of the Results of the Fall

1. Adam and Eve lost their innocence and become weak and vulnerable.
2. Adam and Eve gained the knowledge of evil, but it was not pleasant, as promised. Rather than becoming wise about what is good, innocent about what is evil, they became wise about what is evil and innocent about what is good (Romans 16: 9).
3. Adam and Eve became afraid of God.
4. Adam and Eve discovered that their efforts at restoration were useless.
5. The serpent was cursed, and its body modified.
6. Hatred was generated between humans and serpents.
7. The pain of childbirth for women was increased.
8. Woman was placed under man's rule or leadership.
9. The ground was cursed. This meant hard, bitter and relatively unproductive work for man.
10. People were born spiritually dead ever after (Ephesians 2:5).
11. People die physically, and animals die physically.
12. The universe, included in the term earth (elements) began to run down. The solar system was bombarded, at some stage, by an intense and destructive meteor shower, possibly during, and certainly after the Flood.
13. People tended to look for substitutes for God.
14. Morally, people tend to sin, and left unchecked, this leads to great disorder and widespread suffering.
15. The Earth's climate was no longer pleasant, becoming extreme, and necessitating shelters for people.

The Mercy of God

1. God provided a means of communion with him through the symbolism of sacrifice.
2. He provided total forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and the promise of being progressively freed from sin's penalty, power and presence (Genesis 3:15).
3. God clothed Adam and the Eve.
4. He prevented them from living forever in a state of sin and suffering, by sending merciful death.
5. He plans to remake the universe at the return of Christ (Revelation 21:1, Acts 3:21).