

“I DID EAT”

(Gen. 3:12)

Often I am asked about Adam and Eve, “*12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat,*” Gen. 3:12. In I Tim. 2:14, “*14 and Adam was not beguiled, but the woman being beguiled hath fallen into transgression.*” The **order** presented is, “*13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve,*” I Tim. 2:13. According to the teaching of the Bible, Adam was formed **FIRST** and then Eve. Eve was the **FIRST** to sin and not Adam. Yet, the Bible teaches that Adam said, “*12 I did eat,*” Gen. 3:12. We can conclude that Adam was **formed** first and that Eve **sinned** first. Because of this woman has a subjective role in New Testament Christianity. Both Adam and Eve chose to sin, **Eve first and then Adam.**

An interesting statement is made in Jas. 1:14, “*14 but each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed.*” When sin is attributed to a man, or a woman, it is because a person **elects** to sin. This is a decision each and every sinner has made and the sin is **attributed to him**; because, they made the chose to sin - So, the statement: “*14 when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed,*” Jas. 1:14.

Paul said, “*27 but I buffet my body, and bring it into bondage: lest by any means, after I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected,*” I Cor. 9:27. According to the apostle Paul, “*4 that each one of you know how to possess himself of his own vessel in sanctification and honor,*” I Thess. 4:4. Then there is the passage in Rom. 6:12, “*12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey the lust thereof.*” Each and every Christian has the responsibility of controlling his or her, own body. **When one sins it is the persons fault, he/she sinned and no other.**

Ananias and Sapphira sinned by lying to God, Acts 5:1-11. **Simon,** in Acts 8:14-24 tried to purchase the ability to impart the gift of the Spirit and was told, “*22 Repent therefore of this wickedness, and pray the Lord, if perhaps the thought of thy heart shall be forgiven thee. 23 For I see that thou art in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity. 24 And Simon answered and said, Pray ye for me to the Lord, that none of the things which ye have spoken come upon me.*” **Simon was responsible for his own sins.** **Diotrephes,** was **responsible for his own sins.** John said, “*10 Therefore, if I come, I will bring to remembrance his works which he doeth, prating against us with wicked words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and them would he forbiddeth and casteth them out of the church,*” Ill Jno. 9-10. **Shall I continue to name many, many persons** in the New Testament who sinned and it was **their fault** and not someone else’s fault? **These fellows were responsible for their own sins.**

I have heard people say, “*I am a drunk and was born that way!*” “*I was born a homosexual and am not responsible.*” All of this is just an excuse to try to say they are not responsible for their sins. I remember a gospel preacher describing such as being a “***Thin skin of a lie stretched down over a great big falsehood.***”

The Day of Judgment is evidence there will not be a person’s sins being given to someone else. “*10 For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad,*” II Cor. 5:10. **Each person will give account for what he/she has done in the body!**

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