

Belgic Confession, Article 15, "Of Original Sin"

Scripture Lesson: Romans 5:12-21

Lesson Aim	To understand how mankind is desperately lost because of original sin but is saved because of the imputation of Christ's righteousness.
Steps to Learning	Read Belgic Confession, Article 15 and Romans 5:12-21 . Discuss the sermon and the particulars of the lesson below. It may be best to work through the material over several days or sessions.
Discuss	<p>What is the definition of original sin? It is Adam's sin imputed to all people.</p> <p>What does it mean that Adam's sin was imputed to all people? When Adam sinned, God declared that all people, legally speaking, are sinners by nature.</p> <p>What is the consequence of being a sinner by nature? All people actually sin because they are sinners.</p> <p>What is sin? Transgressing (breaking) God's Law and not living up to its demands.</p> <p>What is the punishment for sin? Physical and spiritual death. Spiritual death means that a person is punished in hell for eternity.</p> <p>What biblical texts do we look to for the discussion of original sin? Genesis chapter 2 and Romans 5:12-18 (1 Cor. 15:22).</p> <p>How is a person saved from spiritual death or from hell? Through faith in Jesus Christ.</p> <p>What happens when a person has faith in Jesus Christ? The righteousness of Jesus Christ is imputed to him so that he is declared to be righteous in God's sight while still personally sinful.</p> <p>What is justification? A person is justified when he has faith in Christ, which means his sins are not counted against him and he is imputed with the righteousness of Christ.</p>
Bible Reading	Numbers chapters 22-24 [The Balak/Balaam stories] (covering the great Bible stories)