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Shorter Catechism

Q16: Did all mankind fall in Adam's first disobedience?

Answer: Since the covenant of life was made with Adam for his descendants as well as for himself, all mankind descending from him in the ordinary manner, sinned in him and fell with him in his first transgression.

"And God blessed them. And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'"

Genesis 1:28 (ESV)

"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.'"

Genesis 2:16-17 (ESV)

"Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men."

Romans 5:18 (ESV)

"For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it."

James 2:10 (ESV)