

Sin and Its Effects

Grace, class 3

Nature of Sin

- Turning against God
 - Corruption
 - Guilt

Severity of sin (see Anselm, *Cur Deus Homo*)

- Turning away from the creator
- State of rebellion against the creator
- Original sin and actual sin

Original Sin

- What it is
- How it is passed on
- Original Sin and actual sin

The State of Sin (see Maximus the Confessor, among others)

- Vices enumerated: gluttony, fornication, avarice, grief, wrath, listlessness, vainglory, pride
- Disintegrating effect of the passions: splinters the human into thousands
- Double separation from God and from neighbor, separation from love

Powers of Fallen Nature (see Thomas Aquinas, *ST I q. 109*)

- Truth
- Good acts
- Loving God
- Loving neighbor
- Fulfilling the commandments
- Meriting eternal life
- Preparation for grace
- Rising from sin
- Avoiding sin
- Perseverance in the good

Integrity of Fallen Nature

- Recognition of the good
- True desire for the beautiful
- Ability to recognize pleasure
- Knowledge of the true
- Dim awareness of reality
- Potential for God

The Remedy