

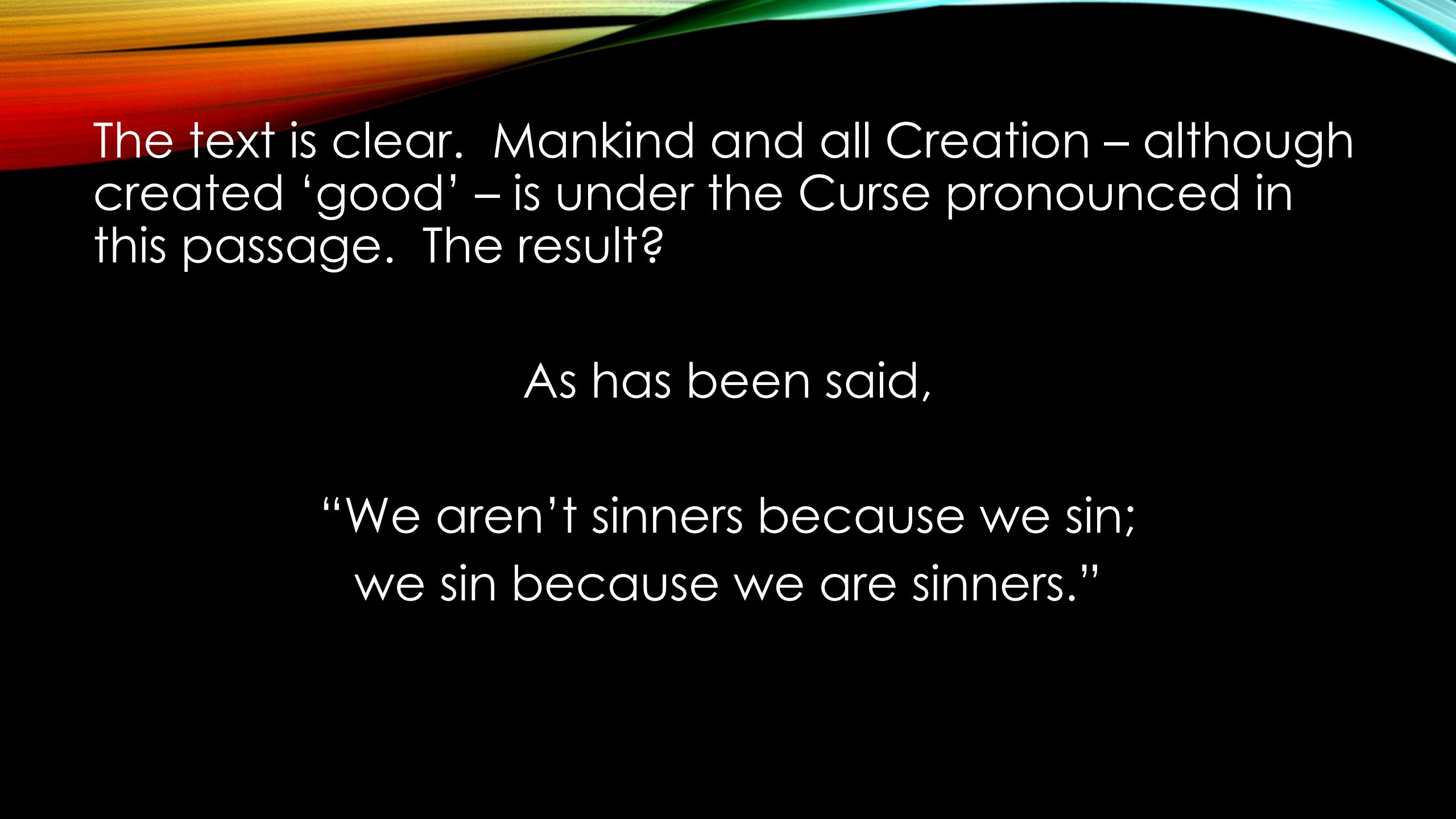
A LOOK BACK

Last week we were reminded that there are certain things about our identity that are common to all mankind:

- Humanity was made in the image of God.
- As with all of Creation, we were designed for God's glory, not our own.
 - We were made BY Christ
 - We were made FOR Christ.

IDENTITY CRISIS: SIN'S STAIN

Genesis 3



The text is clear. Mankind and all Creation – although created ‘good’ – is under the Curse pronounced in this passage. The result?

As has been said,

“We aren’t sinners because we sin;
we sin because we are sinners.”



Mankind (apart from Christ) is defined as

God's enemies - Rom. 5:10

Objects of divine wrath – Eph. 2:13

“We’re under a curse for what Adam did?
But that’s not fair!!”

Au contraire

See James 2:10-11 Even apart from Original Sin, we would have lasted about 3 seconds

Besides, we don’t want ‘fair’ in this matter
(Consider Isaiah 53:5-6)



ROMANS 5:12-19

*“The judgment followed ONE sin
and brought condemnation, but
the gift followed MANY trespasses
and brought justification.”*

(5:16)



Merciful Father,

Thank you for not giving us what is fair.

We are so incredibly humbled by
Your mercy and grace,
and we remain forever grateful for
Your kindness to us in Jesus Christ