

## “ALL HAVE SINNED”

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### Introduction

1. Rom. 3:23
2. When does one become guilty of sin?
3. Many believe man is born in sin. Doctrine of total, hereditary depravity. Total means all, whole or complete. Hereditary means one receives it from his parents, which in this case means from Adam, hence, adamic, original sin. Depravity means bad, wicked, evil. Thus, every person is, at birth, thoroughly, utterly sinful.

### Discussion

#### I. **PASSAGES CITED AS PROOF OF THE DOCTRINE:**

##### A. **Psalm 58:3 — Estranged from the womb**

1. “*GO astray*”. Not born astray.
2. “*Speaking lies*”. Infants do not speak lies or otherwise.
3. They refuse to hear (vv. 4-5).
4. “*Break their teeth, O God*” (v. 6). Infants do not have teeth. Prayer for the destruction of babies?
5. Verse 10 speaks of their destruction. Is that infant damnation?
6. Compare Job 31:15-18; Psalm 22:10.

##### B. **Ephesians 2:3 — By nature the children of wrath**

1. “*In time past ye walked*” (v. 2). Infants do not walk.
2. “*Conversation in times past in the lusts of flesh*” (v. 3). What is the conversation of a baby? What sinful lusts does a baby possess?
3. “*Fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind*” (v. 3). What evil desires does infant mind have and fulfill?
4. Nature - “feeling and acting which by long habit has become nature” (Thayer).
5. Romans 2:14 — Gentiles do by NATURE things contained in the law.

#### C. **Romans 5:19 — By one man’s disobedience all made sinners**

1. Same verse, “...so by the obedience of one shall many (all) be made righteous.”
2. If first part proves total depravity, second part proves universal salvation.
3. If born depraved since Adam, born righteous since Christ!

#### D. **Romans 3:9-23 — None righteous, no, not one; All have sinned**

1. “*All GONE out of the way*” (v. 12). Not born out of the way.
2. “*They are together BECOME unprofitable*” (v. 12). Not born unprofitable.
3. Gentiles (Rom. 1): when they knew God, glorified him not as God (v. 21), became vain in their imaginations (v. 21), changed (vv. 23,25,26), dishonored their bodies (v. 24), left (v. 27), did not like to retain God in their knowledge (v. 28), filled with all unrighteousness (vv. 29-32). ALL ACTIONS OF PEOPLE OF AGE, NOT INFANTS!
4. Jews (Rom. 2): Judging them which do such and doing the same (vv. 1-3). No infants.

#### II. **SOME THINGS MADE IMPOSSIBLE BY THE DOCTRINE:**

##### A. **Makes redemption impossible.**

1. Redeem: to buy BACK
2. Redeemer must be original owner to buy back (Zech. 12:1; Eccl. 12:7; Heb. 12:9).
3. The Lord redeems sinners (Col. 1:14; Titus 2:14; Rev. 5:9)

##### B. **Makes reconciliation impossible.**

1. Reconcile: to bring together AGAIN.
2. Christ reconciles sinners to God (Rom. 5:10; Eph. 2:16).

**C. Makes regeneration impossible.**

1. Titus 3:5 saved by the washing of regeneration
2. Regenerate: to RESTORE to its ORIGINAL strength or PROPERTIES.
3. Re-generation demands a 'de-generation'  
Generation      Regeneration  
(birth)      .      . (conversion)

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**III. SCRIPTURES SHOWING CHILDREN NOT BORN SINNERS**

- A. **Dt. 1:39** no knowledge between good and evil
- B. **Eccl. 7:29** God made man upright
- C. **Ezek. 18:2-3; Jer. 31:29-30** children's teeth not set on edge
- D. **Ezekiel 18:20** son shall not bear iniquity of father
- E. **Jer. 2:34; 19:4; Ps. 106:38** children called "the innocents"
- F. **Mt. 18:3** become as little children
- G. **Mk. 10:14** of such is the kingdom
- H. **Col. 3:25** he that doeth wrong

**IV. HOW THEN DOES ONE BECOME A SINNER, IF NOT BORN SO?**

- A. **As Adam and Eve.**
  1. Created by God Himself (Gen. 1:26-27)
  2. How could they, totally, hereditarily righteous, do any evil?
  3. Sinned when drawn away by lust and enticed (Gen. 3:1-6; 2 Cor. 11:3; 2 Pet. 1:4; 1 Jn. 2:16).
- B. **Lust conceived.**
  1. Jas. 1:13-15
  2. Eph. 2:1-3

**C. Transgression of law.**

1. 1 Jn. 3:4
2. Sin: to miss the mark

**D. Unrighteousness.**

1. 1 Jn. 5:17
2. 1 Cor. 6:9-11

**V. SIN BRINGS DEATH**

**A. Brought death to Adam & Eve.**

1. Physical death (Gen. 3:19; 5:5).
2. Spiritual death (Gen. 2:16-17; 3:23-24).

**B. Brings death today.**

1. Physical death (1 Cor. 15:21-22).
2. Spiritual death (Col. 2:13; Rom. 6:23; 1 Tim. 5:6; Jas. 1:15; Rev. 20:14)

**VI. JESUS AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN**

Without sin (Heb. 4:15), made to be sin (2 Cor. 5:21), manifested to take away our sins (1 Jn. 3:5), propitiation for our sins (1 Jn. 2:2), lamb of God which taketh away sins of the world (Jn. 1:29), save his people from their sins (Mt. 1:21), died for our sins (1 Cor. 15:3), shed his blood for the remission of sins (Mt. 26:28), washed us from our sins in his blood (Rev. 1:5), have forgiveness of sins in him (Eph. 1:7).

**VII. SINS FORGIVEN CONDITIONALLY**

- A. Alien sinner
  1. Jn. 8:24 — except ye believe
  2. Acts 2:38 — repent and be baptized
  3. Acts 3:19 — repent and be converted
  4. Acts 22:16 — arise and be baptized
- B. Erring Christian
  1. Acts 8:22 — repent and pray
  2. 1 Jn. 1:9 — confess sins