

## The Bible and Original Sin

Romans 5:12-15

## The Doctrine Of Original Sin Is A Component Of Augustinian And Calvinistic Theology

- **T**otal Depravity – Ezekiel 18:20; cf. Romans 3:23
- **U**nconditional Election – Ephesians 1:3; Galatians 3:26-27
- **L**imited Atonement – Hebrews 2:10
- **I**rresistible Grace – Romans 5:1; Acts 7:51
- **P**erseverance of the Saints – Galatians 5:4; Luke 8; Acts 8; Hebrews 3:13; 1 Corinthians 15:58; etc.

## ORIGINAL SIN

“In **Christian theology** the state of sin into which everyone is born as a result of the fall of Adam ... According to this, **Adam’s sin has been transmitted from parent to child ever since**. The human race has thus become a **‘lump of sin’** (*massa damnata*).”

JOHN BOWKER. “original sin.”  
The Concise Oxford Dictionary of World Religions, 1997  
*Encyclopedia.com*

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## ORIGINAL SIN

“Original sin may be taken to mean: (1) the sin that **Adam** committed; (2) a consequence of this first sin, **the hereditary stain with which we are born** on account of our origin or descent from Adam. From the earliest times the latter sense of the word was more common, as may be seen by St. Augustine’s statement: **‘the deliberate sin of the first man is the cause of original sin ...’**”

New Advent Encyclopedia, “Original Sin,”  
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/11312a.htm>

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## ORIGINAL SIN

“Our first parents, being seduced by the subtlety and temptation of Satan, sinned in eating the forbidden fruit ... By **this sin** they **fell** from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body.”

-The Westminster Confession of Faith  
Chapter VI, 1-2; The Book Of Confessions, 6.031- .032

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## ORIGINAL SIN

“From this **original corruption**, whereby **we are** utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and **wholly inclined to all evil**, do **proceed all actual transgressions**.”

-The Westminster Confession of Faith  
Chapter VI, 4; The Book Of Confessions, 6.034

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## ORIGINAL SIN

“Original sin is the **genetic defect** we all **inherited** from **Adam and Eve**. Through this genetic defect **we all inherited death – both physical and spiritual** – and were separated from God. Through Jesus Christ, we all have the ability to conquer this genetic defect – **sin and death** – and be reconnected to God eternally.”

-<http://www.allaboutcreation.org/original-sin.htm>

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## ORIGINAL SIN

“**original sin** the **tendency to evil supposedly innate in all human beings**, held to be inherited from Adam in consequence of the Fall. The **concept of original sin was established by the writings of St Augustine** and the **view of some early theologians that the human will is capable of good without the help of divine grace was branded a **heresy**.**”

ELIZABETH KNOWLES. “original sin.”  
The Oxford Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, 2006  
Encyclopedia.com

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## ORIGINAL SIN

“Man is so depraved that he is **unable without the direct enabling power of the Holy Spirit to obey the Gospel of the son of God.**” (J.B. Moody, Missionary Baptist, in Nashville Debate)

“I, by the natural birth am **too wicked to live, too sinful to die, and to vile to meet God ... Total Hereditary Depravity means that man in his entire self is bad**. He inherited this nature through the human race. **I mean by total, that man is bad, mind, body and spirit.**” (Albert Garner, Missionary Baptist in The Royal Birth A Life of Liberty, pages 8-9)

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## ORIGINAL SIN

1. The **whole human race sinned in Adam** when he sinned. Adam’s will was the will of the race, so that all men sinned in Adam and rebelled with him when he sinned.
2. When Adam sinned, **human nature was corrupted**, so that now all men are **born with a sinful nature**.
3. This sinful nature is the fountain and direct cause of all of man’s sins. **Man sins by nature and cannot help but sin.**

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4. Because of Adam’s transgression, **all men are guilty**, under the just “wrath and curse of God,” and are liable to the “pains of hell forever.”
5. Even **newborn babies** open their eyes in this world under the “wrath and curse” of God. They are **guilty and condemned** from the moment of their birth.

-Are Men Born Sinners?, A.T. Overstreet, chapter 3  
THE ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF THE  
DOCTRINE OF ORIGINAL SIN

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## ORIGINAL SIN

**“FOR WHAT SAITH THE  
SCRIPTURE?”**

**ROMANS 4:3**

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## MAN AND SIN

- God created man and woman without sin. Genesis 1:26-27; 2:25
- Adam and Eve chose to sin. Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-6 (cf. 1 Timothy 2:14). So do we! Romans 6:16ff
  - Sin entered the world through Adam, and with it, death through sin. Romans 5:12
  - *“Therefore, as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin; and so death passed unto all men, **for that all sinned**”* Romans 5:12

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## SIN AND ITS GUILT

- **Individual.** Ezekiel 18:4, 20 (Genesis 2:17)
  - Consequences of individuals' sins often affect others – even future generations, Exodus 20:5 (34:7); Numbers 14:32-34
  - Physical death is a consequence of Adam's sin that passes to us all. Genesis 3:19 (Ecclesiastes 12:7)

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## NOT BORN WITH SINFUL NATURE

- **Sin is chosen and committed, not inherited.** Romans 5:12; 3:23

*“but each man is tempted, when he is drawn away **by his own lust**, and enticed. Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is fullgrown, bringeth forth death.”*  
James 1:14-15

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## NOT BORN WITH SINFUL NATURE

- **God made man upright; we go away from God.** Ecclesiastes 7:29; Romans 3:12 (Context)
  - Children are innocent, not cursed. Matthew 18:3, *“Verily I say unto you, Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.”*
  - Paul's innocence was in childhood. Romans 7:9

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## NOT BORN WITH SINFUL NATURE

- **What about Jesus? Hebrews 2:14, 17**

- Some say virgin birth exempted Him
  - If so, what about Mary? Matthew 1:23
  - **RCC:** Immaculate Conception of Mary  
In the [Constitution Ineffabilis Deus](#) of 8 December, 1854, [Pius IX](#) pronounced and [defined](#) that the [Blessed Virgin Mary](#) “in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and [grace](#) granted by [God](#), in view of the [merits](#) of [Jesus Christ](#), the Saviour of the [human race](#), was preserved exempt from all stain of [original sin](#).”

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## NOT BORN WITH SINFUL NATURE

- **What about Jesus? Hebrews 2:14, 17**

- **Bible:** Jesus, like us, was not born with the guilt of sin. Hebrews 2:14, 17
- **Bible:** Jesus is the “*Son of Man*.” Luke 19:10

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## REDEMPTION FROM SIN

- **Sin is not inherited.** Colossians 3:5-7
  - Sinful nature is not inherited.
  - Sin is committed, practiced, **lived in.**
- **Righteousness is not inherited.**  
Romans 1:16-17; 3:21-26
  - Faithful nature is not inherited.
  - Faith is practiced, **lived in.**

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