

## Original Sin is Personal

Perhaps you've heard someone talk about "original sin". That person is referring to the first sin against God by the first man (Gen 3). Actually, the first sin was committed by the devil and his angels when they rebelled against God (1 Tim 3:6; Jude 6).

There were two consequences of Adam's sin, which affect us. We WILL die physically because Adam introduced sin into the world (1 Cor 15:22), and we DID die spiritually the first time we sinned (Rom 5:12). {The Lord Jesus Christ provided a remedy for these problems. Read Romans 5-6 and 1 Corinthians 15}.

But what about the guilt of Adam's sin, did we bear his guilt at birth? Did we inherit his sin? Were we born depraved, i.e. morally and spiritually corrupt; condemned in the sight of God? Does a child have a sinful nature more so than a godly nature?

God's word paints a clear picture of our nature at birth. "God made man upright" (Eccl 7:29). "We are the offspring of God" (Acts 17:29), "made in the likeness of God" (Jas 3:9). Solomon, Paul and James were referring to every person, not just Adam.

So since we ALL get off to such a good start in life, what happens to us? Our sins, the ones we do, separate us from God (cf. Isa 59:2). When we sin we die (cf. Ezek 18:20; Rom 7:9; Eph 2:1). In addition, while we don't bear the guilt of Adam's sin we bear the consequences of it, just as a child bears the consequences of his parent's sins. The evil results of parental sin can extend for several generations (cf. Deut 5:9). But parental guilt never accrues to the children. My sin originated with me, and yours' with you (cf. Ezek 33:18). That's personal!

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