Are We Born With Sin?

Greg Kline · Psalm 51:1–6

INTRODUCTION

- This idea that we are born with sin, as many people in the world today would push forth, shifts the blame from myself to someone else.
- It leads to or stems from a misunderstanding of God.
- Either we are born inheriting sin, or we are innocent until we sin.

1 Psalm 51: In Sin Did My Mother Conceive Me

Psalm 51:1–6

- Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- This is a psalm of repentance, of confession, of an appeal to God for a clean heart.
- If it were to say, in drunkenness, my mother conceived me. Would that mean that the child was drunk?
- He is repenting not of sins that he would have been, quote unquote, born with, but sins he had actively committed.

2 Psalm 58: The Wicked Are Estranged From the Womb

Psalm 58:1–6

- The wicked are estranged from the womb. They go astray from birth speaking lies.
- What infant do you know that has teeth to be broken, is speaking lies, and has wickedness already abounded in them.
- The problem with the literal interpretation is it doesn't work. Well, it's figurative language.
- He is speaking to a wicked people. He is speaking to a people who are corrupt, a people who have chosen sin.

3 Ephesians 2: By Nature Children of Wrath

Ephesians 2:1–10; Romans 3:23

- Were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
- We were born surrounded by evil, and we chose to follow the course of this world.
- For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

4 Romans 5: Death Spread to All Men Because All Sinned

Romans 5:12–17

- Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

- Adam brought condemnation, Jesus brings justification.
- That's not Adam's sin everywhere. That's because we all sinned.
- That doesn't make us good people, but it does shoot down the opinion that we are born with sin.

5 Sin Is Lawlessness; Become Like Children

1 John 3:4; Matthew 18:2–3; Isaiah 7:16

- Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness. Sin is lawlessness.
- Can babies have a goal, know what's right, and choose to go the other way and to purposefully and selfishly wrong somebody.
- Truly I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
- His point is made valid by the fact that children are innocent. Children are blameless.

6 Ezekiel 18: The Soul Who Sins Shall Die

Ezekiel 18:19–20

- The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son.
- The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.
- Who is guilty of sin? The sinner. Whose sin do we answer for? Our own.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We need to choose to serve God always because we have that choice. We have that ability, and it may be taken from us at any moment.**

MY NOTES