“CALVINISM”

PART ONE

TOTAL DEPRAVITY



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THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE FIVE POINTS



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WIKIPEDIA (ORIGINAL SIN)

Original sin, also called ancestral sin,[1] is the Christian doctrine of humanity's state of sin resulting from the fall of man, stemming from Adam and Eve's rebellion in Eden, namely the sin of disobedience in consuming from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.[2] This condition has been characterized in many ways, ranging from something as insignificant as a slight deficiency, or a tendency toward sin yet without collective guilt, referred to as a "sin nature", to something as drastic as total depravity or automatic guilt of all humans through collective guilt.[3]

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The concept of original sin was first alluded to in the 2nd century by Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon in his controversy with certain dualist Gnostics. Other church fathers such as Augustine also developed the doctrine,[2] seeing it as based on the New Testament teaching of Paul the Apostle (Romans 5:12–21 and 1 Corinthians 15:22) and the Old Testament verse of Psalms 51:5.[4][5][6][7][8] Tertullian, Cyprian, Ambrose and Ambrosiaster considered that humanity shares in Adam's sin, transmitted by human generation. Augustine's formulation of original sin was popular among Protestant reformers, such as Martin Luther and John Calvin, who equated original sin with concupiscence, affirming that it persisted even after baptism and completely destroyed freedom.[2] The Jansenist movement, which the Catholic Church declared to be heretical, also maintained that original sin destroyed freedom of will.[9]

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1. Our first parents, being seduced by the subtlety and temptation of Satan, sinned, in eating the forbidden fruit. This their sin, God was pleased, according to his wise and holy counsel, to permit, having purposed to order it to his own glory.

2. 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 parts and faculties of soul and body.

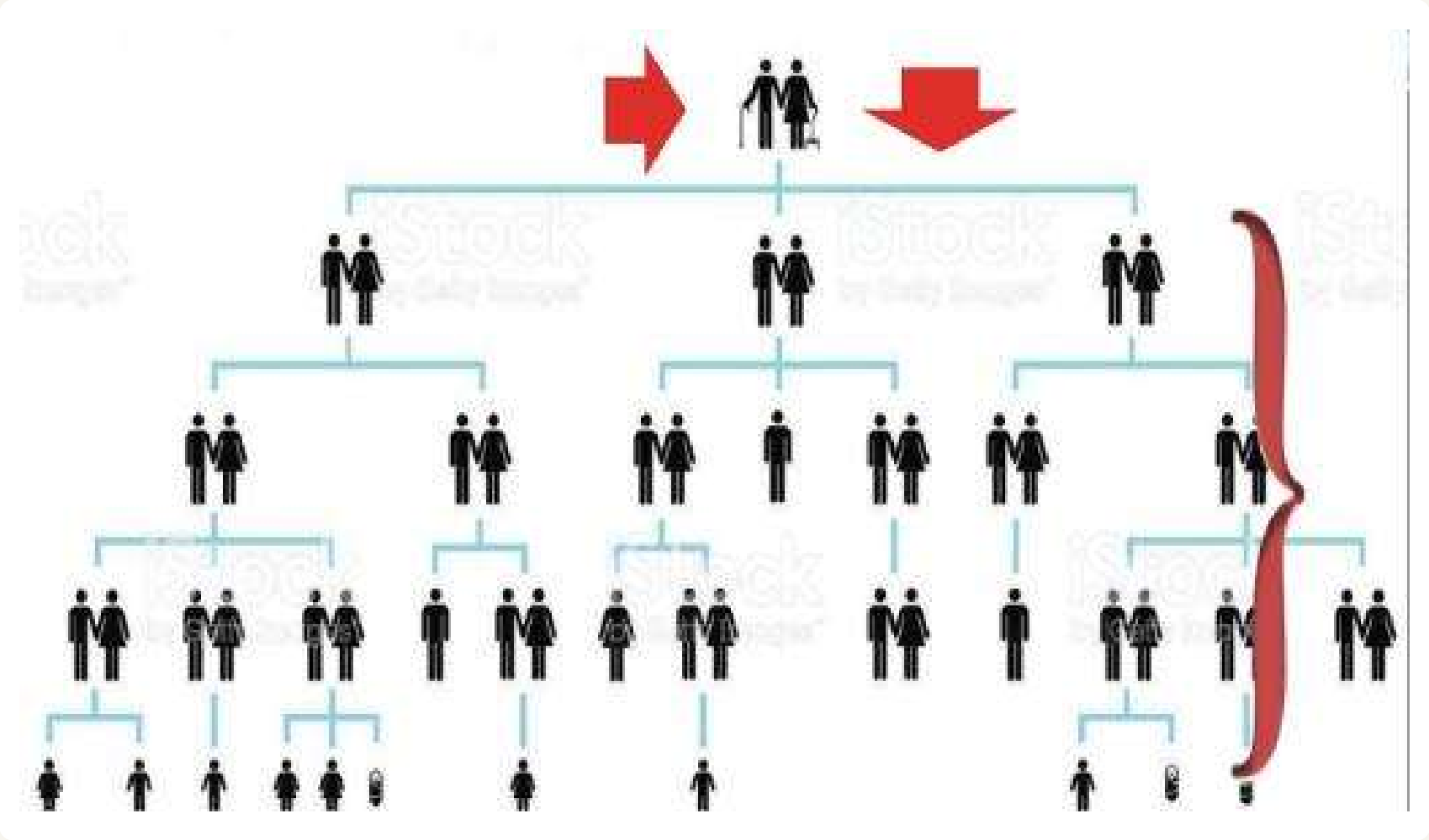
3. *They being the root of all mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed; and the same death in sin, and corrupted nature, conveyed to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation.*

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4. 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.

5. This corruption of nature, during this life, doth remain in those that are regenerated; and although it be, through Christ, pardoned, and mortified; yet both itself, and all the motions thereof, are truly and properly sin.

6. Every sin, both original and actual, being a transgression of the righteous law of God, and contrary thereunto, doth, in its own nature, bring guilt upon the sinner, whereby he is bound over to the wrath of God, and curse of the law, and so made subject to death, with all miseries spiritual, temporal, and eternal.



TOTAL INABILITY OR TOTAL DEPRAVITY

"Because of the fall, man is unable of himself to savingly (sic) believe the gospel. The sinner is dead, blind, and deaf to the things of God; his heart is deceitful and desperately corrupt. **His will is not free, it is in bondage to his evil nature, therefore, he will not – indeed he cannot – choose good over evil in the spiritual realm**. Consequently, it takes much more than the Spirit's assistance to bring a sinner to Christ – it takes regeneration by which the Spirit makes the sinner alive and give him a new nature. Faith is not something man contributes to salvation but is itself a part of God's gift of salvation – it is God's gift to the sinner, not the sinner's gift to God."

Steele, David N. and Thomas, Curtis C, The Five Points of Calvinism, Phillipsburg, New Jersey: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company, © 1963; Reprinted December 1982. Print

ROMAN CATHOLIC STATEMENTS REGARDING “ORIGINAL SIN”

- **Council of Trent 1545-1563:** "Adam's first sin has been transmitted to all his descendants". **Questions of Catholics Answered by W. Hebst:** "Yes, every child born into this world has the guilt of original sin upon his soul. Original sin is the sin that we inherit from our first parents. Original sin excludes us from heaven unless forgiven. It is forgiven only by baptism, hence when an unbaptized baby dies, it can not enter the kingdom of God."

INFANTS, DEPRAVITY AND SIN

- **Traditional Roman Catholicism:** *Original sin is sufficient to condemn a child to hell,* therefore, if a child dies before receiving baptism. It is lost (although it may be redeemed via Purgatory).
- **Traditional Calvinism** teaches that a child *that has been elected by God will be saved, because God has already chosen, however, if it has not been elected it is desperately wicked and will therefore be condemned.*
- **"Modified Calvinism"** teaches that a child that is depraved, and lost, until the point that it heeds the call of the Gospel and is redeemed. *They struggle with the thought that infants who die before regeneration are forgiven by God's grace.*




That cute little baby in the cradle
is not the angel you imagine it to be!
It's a viper in a diaper
and is born with the same
sinful nature as its parents!
Job 14:4, Psalm 58:3
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WHAT DOES THE SCRIPTURE SAY?

Luke 18:15-17

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(15) Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw *it,* they rebuked them. **(16)** But Jesus called them to *Him* and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; **for of such is the kingdom of God. (17)** Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."



EXAMINING THE ORIGINAL SIN

Genesis 2:15-17

NKJV

(15) Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. **(16)** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; **(17)** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it **you** shall surely die."

Genesis 3:1-3

NKJV

(1) Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" **(2)** And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; **(3)** but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest **you** die.' "

Genesis 3:14-15

NKJV

(14) So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because **you have done this**, **You *are* cursed** more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. **(15) And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."**

Genesis 3:16

NKJV

(16) To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire *shall be* for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

Genesis 3:17-19

NKJV

(17) Then to Adam He said, "**Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat *of* it All the days of your life. (18) Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. (19) In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread** Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you *are,* And to dust you shall return."

Genesis 3:22-24

NKJV

(22) Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"— **(23)** therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. **(24) So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.**

Genesis 4:1-4

NKJV

(1) Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD." **(2)** Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. **(3)** And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. **(4)** Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,

Genesis 4:5-7

NKJV

(5) but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. **(6)** So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? **(7)** **If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it."**

Ezekiel 18:19-20

NKJV

(19) "Yet you say, 'Why should the son not bear the guilt of the father?' Because the son has done what is lawful and right, and has kept all My statutes and observed them, he shall surely live. **(20)** The soul who sins shall die. **The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.**

Isaiah 55:6-8

NKJV

(6) Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. **(7) Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. (8)** "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD.

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2 Corinthians 5:9-11

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(9) Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. **(10)** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, **that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.** **(11)** Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

Romans 3:21-24

NKJV

(21) But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, **(22)** even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; **(23)** **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**, **(24)** being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,



“AFFIRMATIVE TEXTS” FOR TOTAL INABILITY

Romans 5:10-12

NKJV

(10) For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. **(11)** And not only *that,* but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. **(12)** **Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—**

Ephesians 2:1-3

NKJV

(1) And you *He made alive,* **who were dead in trespasses and sins, (2)** in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, **(3)** among whom also we all once **conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh**, **fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind**, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Psalm 51:1-2

NKJV

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David When Nathan the Prophet Went to Him, After He Had Gone in to Bathsheba.

(1) Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. **(2)** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

Psalm 51:3-6

NKJV

(3) For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin *is* always before me. **(4)** Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done *this* evil in Your sight—That You may be found just when You speak, *And* blameless when You judge. **(5)** **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.** **(6)** Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom.

Psalm 58:1-3

NKJV

To the Chief Musician. Set to "Do Not Destroy." a Michtam of David.

(1) Do you indeed speak righteousness, you silent ones?
Do you judge uprightly, you sons of men? **(2)** No, in heart
you work wickedness; You weigh out the violence of your
hands in the earth. **(3)** **The wicked are estranged from
the womb; They go astray as soon as they are born,
speaking lies.**

Genesis 6:1-3

NKJV

(1) Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, **(2)** that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. **(3)** And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

Genesis 6:4-6

NKJV

(4) There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown. **(5) Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. (6)** And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

Genesis 8:21-22

NKJV

(21) And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, **although the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth**; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. **(22)** "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."