

What is the state of sin into which we are all conceived and born?

Through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners (NASB; Rom. 5:19).

THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE (NASB; Rom. 3:10). Also see Romans 3:10-19.

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest (NASB; Eph. 2:1-3).

The state of sin into which we are all conceived and born consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the lack of original righteousness, the corruption of our whole nature (commonly called original sin), and all the actual transgressions which proceed from it.

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