

WE ARE SINNERS BECAUSE WE SIN

All of mankind suffers because of Adam's sin. We experience pain, sickness, and physical death. Like Adam, we are born with the ability to choose to sin. When an accountable person chooses to sin, that person becomes a sinner. A baby or child is not a sinner until he chooses to sin. A baby or child is not guilty until he is accountable and chooses to sin. Babies are not born sinners. Children do not sin because they are sinners, they sin when they choose to sin and then become sinners. Babies are born with the inherited consequence of sin upon humanity and need a Savior from those consequences. Babies are not born sinners, and are not born guilty. But because of the inherited consequences of sin upon humanity, all babies grow up to willfully at some point in life respond negatively to Holy Spirit conviction and become guilty and accountable for this guilt. God's desire is that all believe in Jesus.

John 6:29

God freely forgives people of sin, not counting their sins against them, but one sin keeps a person from having eternal life. That sin is the rejection of Holy Spirit conviction which leads to saving faith in Jesus. Without cooperation with Holy Spirit conviction a person never comes to saving faith in Jesus, and thus never receives eternal life. Babies cannot exercise rejection of Holy Spirit conviction, therefore they are not condemned to damnation.

Jesus was born fully human. Jesus was not born a sinner. Because He was also God, Jesus chose to never sin. Therefore, Jesus never became a sinner even though He was tempted like all men. Jesus died sinless and condemned sin to its execution (Romans 8:3).

We should never blame God as if He created us sinners. We should blame ourselves because we choose to sin and thus become sinners. If we are born sinners and are actually sinners before we disobey God, then we are not responsible for our sin, and God is responsible because He made us that way. How could God judge us if we are not responsible for our being a sinner? Sin consists of the bad use we make of our human nature. We choose to corrupt our nature by disobeying God.

After we believe and receive Christ, we are given a new nature which is opposed to our corrupted nature due to our sin, and our new nature is able to obey God and do righteous

acts initiated by and led by the Spirit of God. It is Christ in us, the righteousness of Jesus credited to us even before we finish our walk in the Spirit. And God promises to complete the work He began in us. We are not responsible for the sin of Adam, we are responsible for our own personal sin. And as believers we are responsible for building our life in Christ with works that are precious and everlasting. These works are initiated and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

We are sinners because of what we do, and believers are righteous because of what we do in Christ. Believers make choices to obey God. We choose to put God first and not sin, yet we still struggle against sin.

Believe in Jesus so that you may have life through His name. John 20:31

Believe in Jesus and become the sons of God. John 1:12

After you believe, you are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Ephesians 1:13

God promises to complete the work He began in you. Philippians 1:6

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. 1 John 1:8

If we agree with God about our sin, and desire to turn from it, God will help us remove sin from our life and will cleanse and renew our minds. 1 John 1:9 Romans 12:2

In Christ, not having my own righteousness, but that righteousness which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith. Philippians 3:9

This is the only work God requires of you. Believe in Jesus. John 6:29

Once a person believes in Jesus, God does His work in that person and righteousness is produced. It is God which worketh in you to do His good pleasure. Philippians 2:13