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## TRUTH THREE: ORIGINAL SIN – Apologetic WHY we believe the Truth about Sin!

We believe the truth that God created humans in his image to relate to him lovingly; but that relationship was destroyed because of Original Sin. Sin was passed to the entire human race, and consequently all are born spiritually dead and utterly helpless to gain favor with God.

"For from within, <u>out of men's hearts</u>, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly."

Mark 7:21

1. Sin is evidenced in man's incurable NATURE!

"Adam lay with his wife Eve and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain... Adam became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image."

Genesis 4:1 & 5:3

2. Sin is evidenced in its inevitable CONSEQUENCES!

"Do not be deceived! God cannot be mocked! A man <u>reaps what he sows</u>. The one who sows to please his <u>sinful nature</u>, <u>from that nature will reap destruction</u>." Galatians 6:7-8

Sin destroys Innocence Genesis 3:7-10
 Sin cultivates a Victim Mentality Genesis 3:11-13
 Sin negatively impacts the Future Genesis 4:8

- 3. Sin is evidenced in man's inescapable DEATH!
- Physical Death Genesis 3:17-19

"Against its will, everything on earth was subjected to God's curse; for we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time."

Romans 8:20

• Spiritual Death Genesis 2:17b

"As for you, you were <u>dead</u> in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the <u>ruler of the kingdom of the air</u>, the spirit who is now at work in those who are <u>disobedient</u>. Ephesians 2:1-2