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- **What Does the Bible Say?**
 - **Adam and Eve sinned.**
 - **Through sin came death. [Gen. 3:3, 22](#); [Rom. 5:12](#)**
 - **Through sin came shame. [Gen. 3:8](#)**
 - **Through sin came fear. [Gen. 3:10](#)**
 - **Through sin came thorns and thistles. [Gen. 3:17-19](#)**
 - **Through sin came separation. [Gen. 3:22-24](#)**
 - **Christ died to undo all of this. [Rom. 5:15-17](#)**

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- What Does the Bible Say?
 - Do we inherit Adam and Eve's guilt? No!
Deut. 24:16; Ezek. 18:20
 - Are we born into a world where sin is prevalent? Yes. **Rom. 5:12**
 - Each person stands or falls based on the deeds *they* have done. **Rom. 2:6-8**

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- **What Calvinist Will Argue:**
 - **What Calvin wrote:**

“All of us, therefore, descending from an impure seed, come into the world tainted with the contagion of sin. Nay, before we behold the light of the sun we are in God’s sight defiled and polluted”

John Calvin. Institutes of the Christian Religion. Book II, Ch. I, Paragraph 5.

“We thus see that the impurity of parents is transmitted to their children, so that all, without exception, are originally depraved. The commencement of this depravity will not be found until we ascend to the first parent of all as the fountain head. We must, therefore, hold it for certain, that, in regard to human nature, Adam was not merely a progenitor, but, as it were, a root, and that, accordingly, by his corruption, the whole human race was deservedly vitiated.”

John Calvin. Institutes of the Christian Religion. Book II, Ch. I, Paragraph 6.

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- **What Calvinist Will Argue:**
 - **What Calvin wrote:**
 - **Frequently used proof-texts:**
 - **Rom. 3:9-18**
 - **Ps. 51:5**
 - **Ps. 58:1-5**
 - **Rom. 5:12-19**