**An Inheritance: Study Of Original Sin**

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Text: I Peter 1:3-5

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| **Origins of**  **Original Sin** | **Consequences** | **Scriptures used to Support Original Sin** | **Scriptures on Children’s Innocence & Personal Accountability** |
| **Augustine of Hippo** (354–430), who 1st used the phrase, “original sin” | **Infant Baptism** – Happening as early as the 2nd – 3rd c. A.D. | **Matthew 19:13-14** | **Matthew 19:13-14; 18:3** |
| **Pelagius** (350-425), a British monk who refuted the teachings of Augustine | **Tertullian** (160-220) wrote against infant baptisms | **Psalm 51:5** | **II Samuel 12:15-23** |
| **Catholic Church’s Council of Trent** (1545–1563) affirmed mankind inherits Adam’s sinful nature | As early as A.D. 400 Augustine used the **universal practice of infant baptism** as proof of original sin | **Psalm 58:1-5** | **Ezekiel 18:20** |
| **Catholic Catechism** | Since infants, either at birth or the 8th day, are baptized, new modes for baptism were invented such as **sprinkling or pouring** | **Romans 3:10-18** | **Romans 14:12** |
| **John Calvin** (1509-1564) taught Original Sin as “Total Depravity” | **“Christenings” & “Dedications”** | **Romans 5:12-19** | **II Corinthians 5:10** |

**Who Should Be Baptized?**

* Those who are taught, who hear the word of God – Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 18:8: Crispus and the Corinthians; Acts 19:4-5: Ephesian disciples (Rom. 10:14, 17)
* Those who believe – Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12-13, 36-37; 18:8; 19:4-5 (Rom. 10:8-13)
* Those who repent of their sins – Acts 2:38
* Those who confess Jesus is the Son of God – Acts 8:36-37 (Rom. 10:8-10)
* Those who receive the word of God – Acts 2:41; 8:12-14
* Those who wish to enter the one body (church) through the one baptism – I Cor. 12:13 (Eph. 4:4-6)
* Those who want their sins forgiven and to be saved! – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16
* Who should be baptized? All those who want to obey the gospel (the word of God)!

***Can infants take the steps that precede baptism?***