

## Alive at Birth

What was our spiritual condition at birth? Were we conceived and born in sin? If we had died at birth would be eternally lost? What do the following passages indicate?

David mourned the death of his newborn son saying, "*I shall go to him*, but he shall not return to me" (1 Sam 12:23). Solomon observed, "Truly, this only I have found: that *God made man upright*, but they have sought out many schemes" (Ecc 7:29).

God said, "The imagination of man's heart is evil *from his youth*" (Gen 8:21). "*Whoever has sinned* against Me, I will blot him out of My book" (Gen 32:22).

God admonished Israel saying, "*The soul who sins shall die*. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself."

Jesus admonished his disciples with these words, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and *become as little children*, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 18:3). Paul stated, "*I was alive once without the law*, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died" (Rom 7:9).

Sin does not have inheritable qualities. Sin is a violation of God's law either by omission or commission (Jas 4:17; 1 John 3:4; Jas 1:14-15). Beyond that, man does not inherit the nature to sin; he is not inclined to sin from birth! A person's inclination depends on his heart (John 3:19-21), and his environment influences his heart (1 Cor 15:33). No one starts out with a corrupted spiritual nature. We are alive at birth!

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