

The TRUE Identity



THE ONE WEEK.

of a



Seventh Day Adventist



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Section 4b
SINLESSNESS
IN
SINFUL FLESH
(PART 2)

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PART 2: THERE IS A LAW OF SIN, BUT YOU NEED NOT SIN.

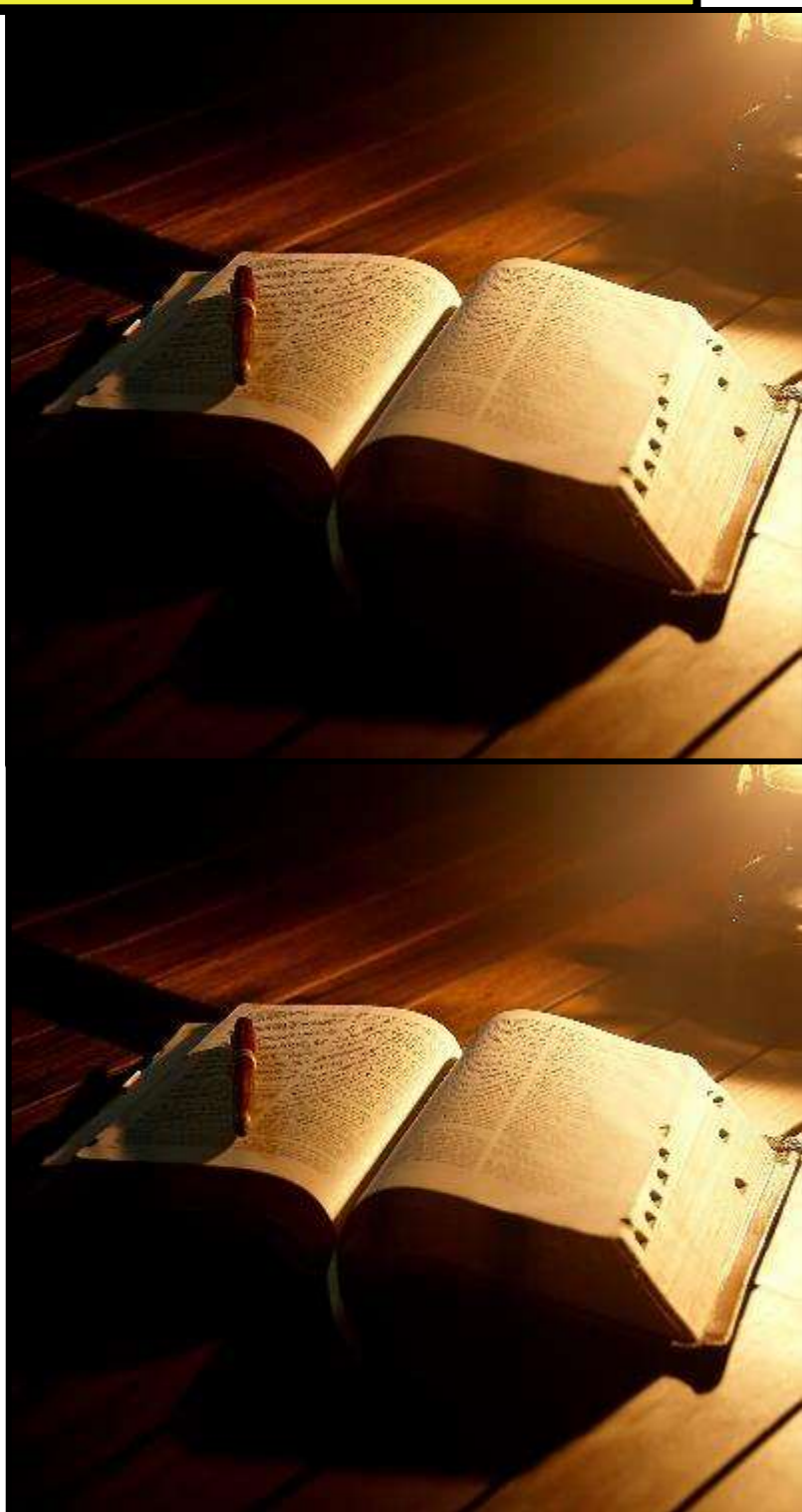


INTRODUCTORY TOPICAL TEXT(S)

ROMANS 7:14-15,18-19,21-25 TO ROMANS 8:1-4(KJV)>>

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. ¹⁵For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. . . . ¹⁸For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. ¹⁹For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. . . . ²¹I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. ²²For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: ²³But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? ²⁵I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. |

¹There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: ⁴That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.



Built on the Foundations: Principal Points of Faith

The S. D. A. people have no written creed, but the following are the main points of their faith, upon which there is a very general agreement. They believe:

V. - That the new birth comprises the entire change necessary to fit us for the kingdom of God. . . . {1890, MBC90 8.5}

XVI. - That no one can be a true child of God except by conversion, which is the work of the Holy Spirit. . . .{1890, MBC90 10.3}

XVII. - That all mankind have broken God's law, and come short of his glory; and that we are wholly dependent upon Jesus Christ for justification from all past sins, and for strength to obey God's law in time to come. {1890, MBC90 10.4}

XVIII. - That Christians are constantly beset by three enemies; the world, the flesh, and the Devil; and that to be preserved from backsliding and being lost, we should take up our daily cross, watch unto prayer, have faith in God, read and study the Bible, attend meetings, bear a public testimony to the goodness of God, and work while the day lasts, in doing good to others. {1890, MBC90 10.5}

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I.-That there is one God, a personal, spiritual Being, the Creator of all things, omnipotent, omniscient, and eternal; infinite in wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, truth, and mercy; unchangeable, and that he is everywhere present by his representative, the Holy Spirit. {1890, MBC90 8.1}

II.-That there is one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal Father, the one by whom he created all things, and by whom they consist; that he took on him the nature of man, for the redemption of our fallen race; that he dwelt among men, full of grace and truth, lived our example, died our sacrifice, was raised for our justification, ascended on high to be our only mediator in the sanctuary in heaven, where, through the atoning merits of his blood, he secures the pardon and forgiveness of all who penitently come to God through him; and as the closing portion of his work as priest before he comes again as King of kings, he will make the final atonement for the sins of all believers, and blot

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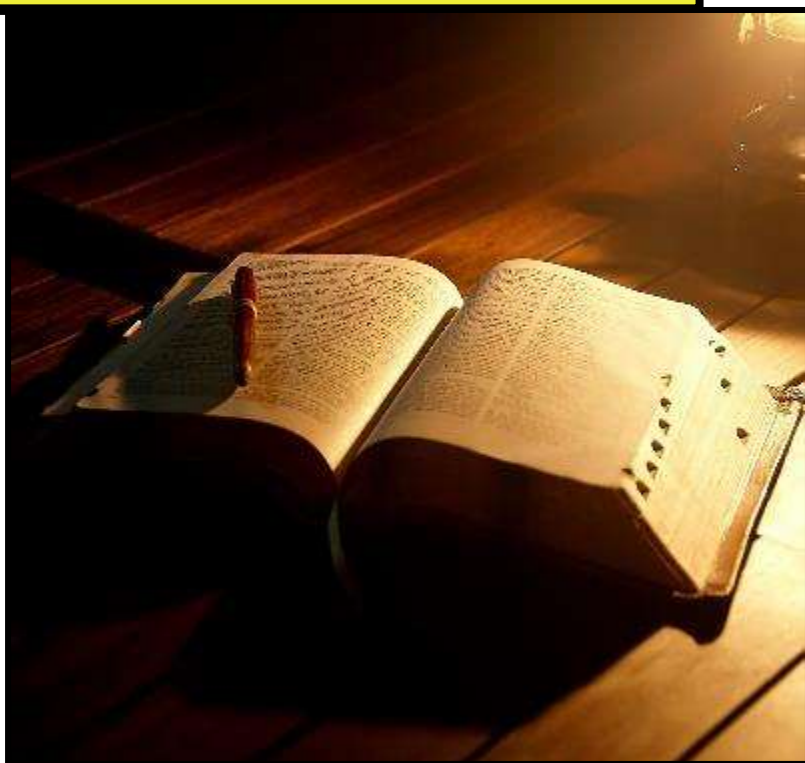
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ROMANS 5:12 (KJV)>> ¹²Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, **for that all have sinned**. ¹³For until the law sin was in the world: but **sin is not imputed when there is no law**.

1 JOHN 3:4 (KJV)>> ⁴Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law**.

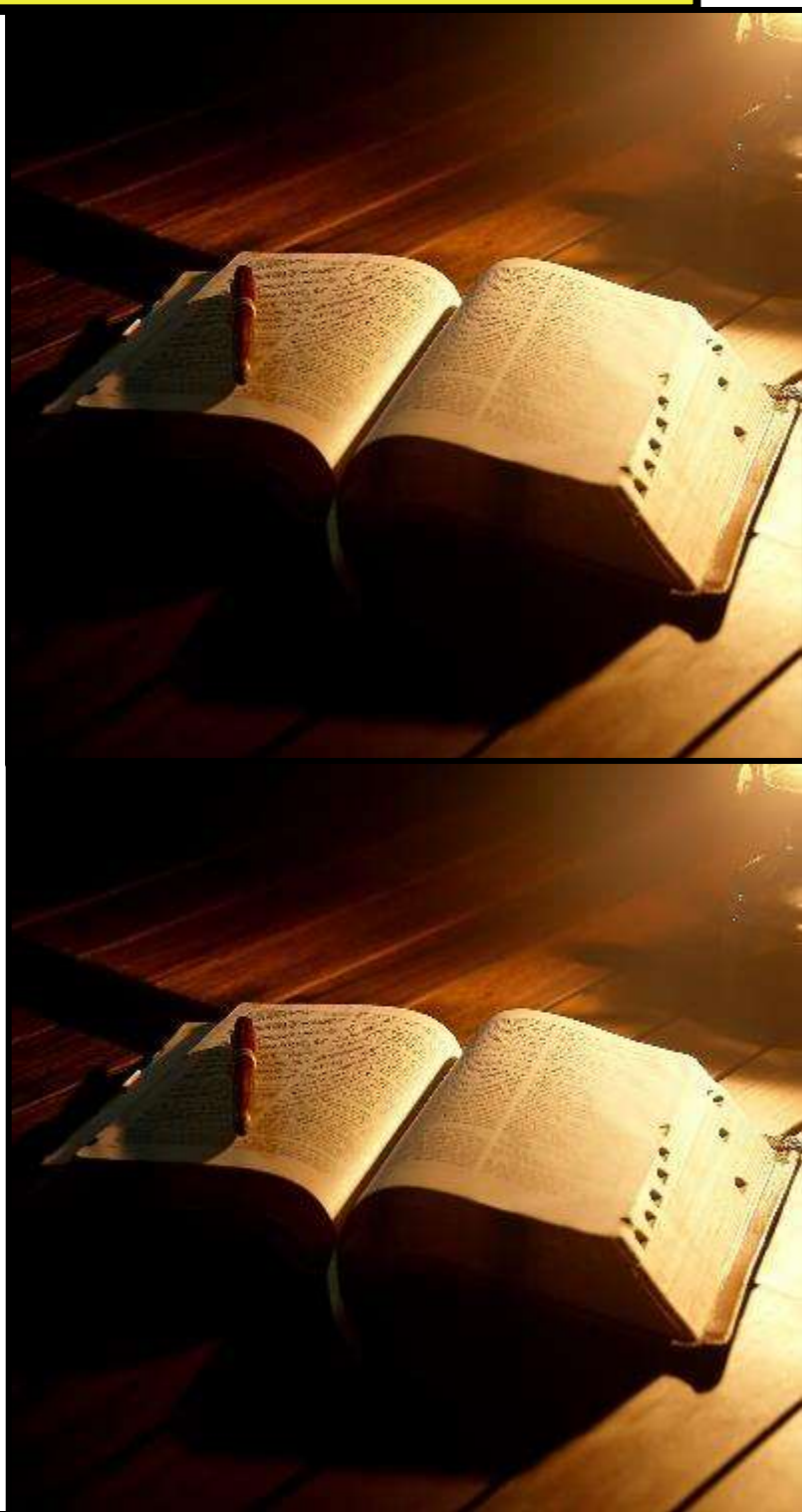
DEUTERONOMY 1:39 (KJV)>> ³⁹Moreover your **little ones**, which ye said should be a prey, and your **children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil**, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

JOHN 9:1-3 (KJV)>> ¹And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was **blind from his birth**. ²And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, **who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?** ³Jesus answered, **Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents:** but **that the works of God should be made manifest in him**.



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EZEKIEL 18:19-24 (KJV)>> ¹⁹Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. ²⁰The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. ²¹But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. ²²All his **transgressions that he hath committed**, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. ²³Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live? ²⁴But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.



Your human-born, fallen nature does not make you a sinner. Your choice to sin—to transgress God's law—is what makes you a sinner. Being *tempted* to sin does not mean you *have to* sin. Temptation and sin are not synonymous.

JAMES 1:12-16 (KJV)>> ¹²Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. ¹³Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: ¹⁴**But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.** ¹⁵Then when lust hath **conceived**^[G4815], it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. ¹⁶Do not err, my beloved brethren.

G4815 συλλαμβάνω **sullambano** (sool-lam-ban'-o) v.

1. to clasp, i.e. seize (arrest, capture)

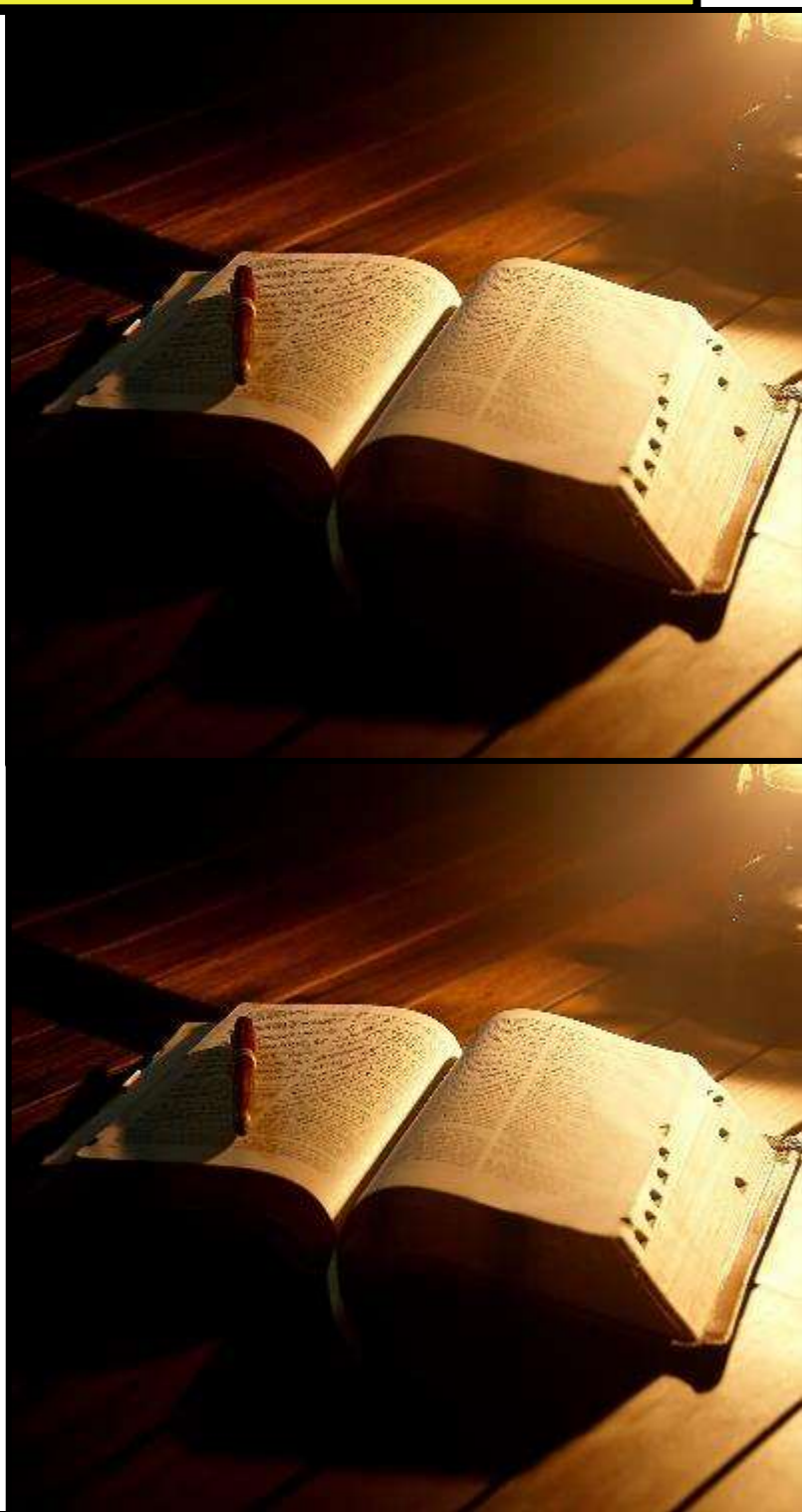
2. (*specially*) to conceive

3. (*by implication*) to aid

{(specially) "conceive" literally or figuratively}

[from [G4862](#) and [G2983](#)]

KJV: catch, conceive, help, take



Please: always remember these distinctions regarding the problem of sin.

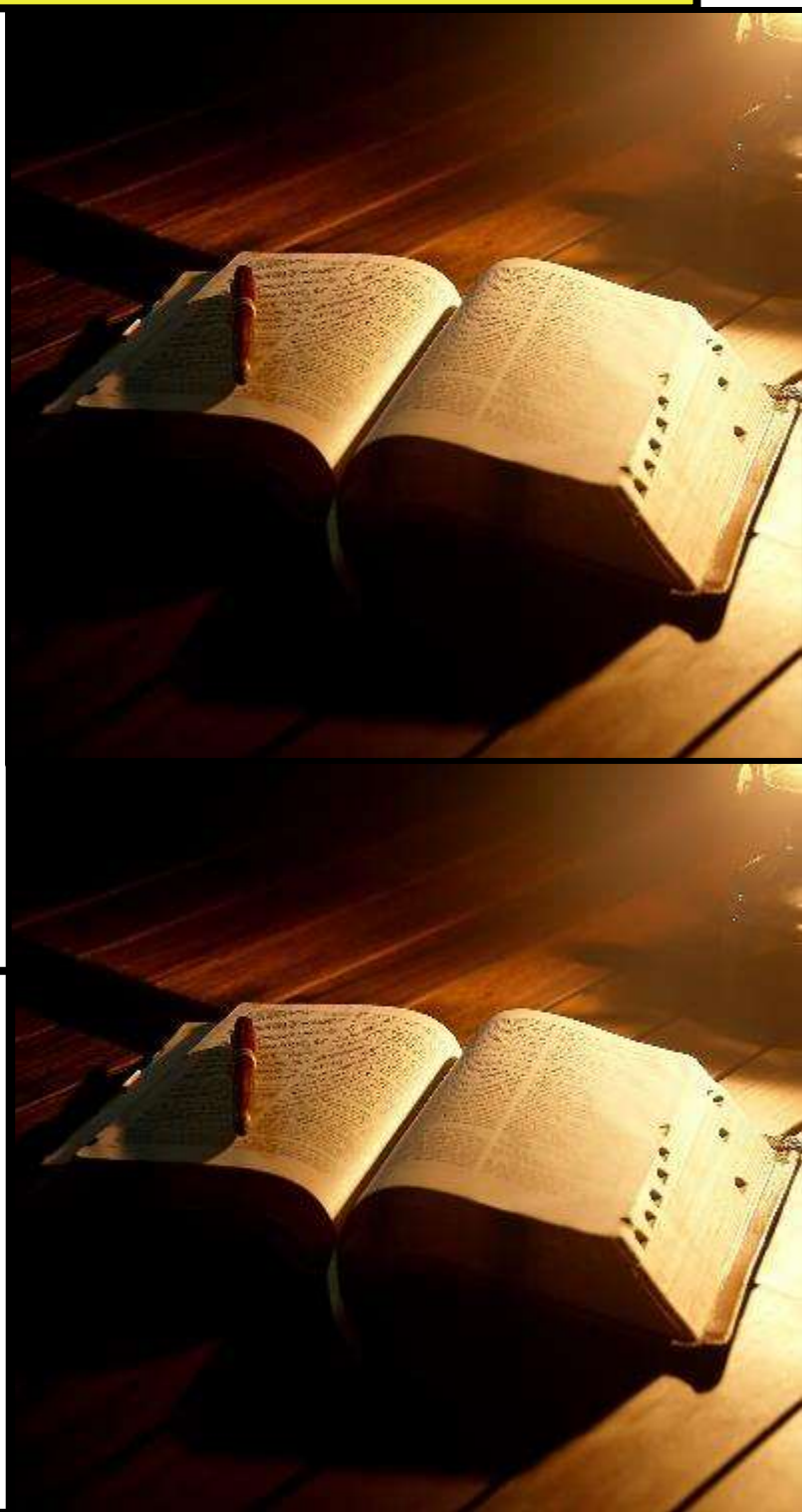
Sin at its Root

Acts of Sin: *Transgression* of the Law; *broken* the everlasting covenant; *changed* the ordinance; *commit* sin; the *works* of the devil; *eating* from the forbidden tree; the *will* according to knowledge, etc.

Sin at its Branches

Effects of Sin: The curse; mingled knowledge of good and evil; enmity; the flesh; sinful flesh; fallen nature; the law of sin; lusts; sorrow; travail; sickness; infirmity; the first death, etc.

1 JOHN 3:7-8 (KJV)>> ⁷Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. ⁸He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.



You are not a sinner by birth. Yes, we still have to struggle with the fallen nature until Jesus comes, but still, even now, there is still the measure of the image of God implanted to every human that is born. We are not born wicked.

ROMANS 2:14-15 (KJV)>> ¹⁴For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, **do by nature the things contained in the law**, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: ¹⁵Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience^[G4893] also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another.

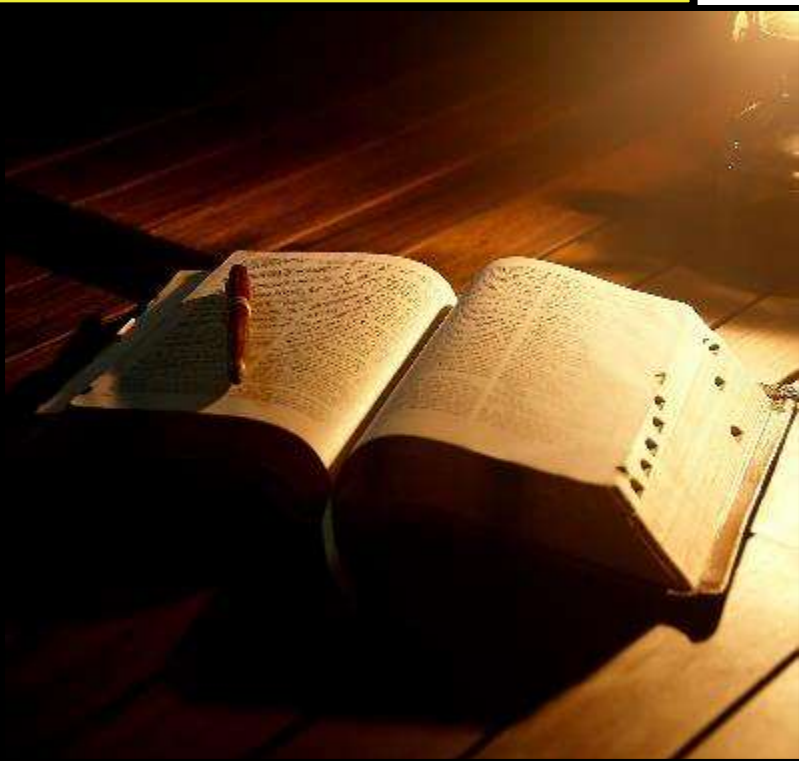
G4893 συνείδησις **suneidesis** (soon-ei'-day-sis) n.

1. co-perception, i.e. moral consciousness

[from a prolonged form of [G4894](#)]

KJV: conscience

ROMANS 1:18-21 (KJV)>> ¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; ¹⁹Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. ²⁰For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: ²¹Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.



The true state of affairs, and the true remedy.

Wherever there is an impulse of love and sympathy, wherever the heart reaches out to bless and uplift others, there is revealed the working of God's Holy Spirit. **In the depths of heathenism, men who have had no knowledge of the written law of God, who have never even heard the name of Christ, have been kind to His servants, protecting them at the risk of their own lives. Their acts show the working of a divine power.** The Holy Spirit has implanted the grace of Christ in the heart of the savage, quickening his sympathies contrary to his nature, contrary to his education. The "Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (John 1:9), is shining in his soul; and this light, if heeded, will guide his feet to the kingdom of God. **{COL 385.1}**

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Christ is the "Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." John 1:9. As through Christ every human being has life, so also through Him every soul receives some ray of divine light. **Not only intellectual but spiritual power, a perception of right, a desire for goodness, exists in every heart. But against these principles there is struggling an antagonistic power. The result of the eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil is manifest in every man's experience. There is in his nature a bent to evil, a force which, unaided, he cannot resist. To withstand this force, to attain that ideal which in his inmost soul he accepts as alone worthy, he can find help in but one power. That power is Christ. Co-operation with that power is man's greatest need. In all educational effort should not this co-operation be the highest aim? {Ed 29.1}**

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To understand the gospel, we must understand sin, and we must understand Christ.

A terrible doom awaits the sinner, and therefore it is necessary that we know what sin is, in order that we may escape from its power. John says, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law." **Here we have the true definition of sin; it is "the transgression of the law."** How often the sinner is urged to leave his sins, and come to Jesus; but has the messenger who would lead him to Christ clearly pointed out the way? Has he clearly pointed out the fact that "sin is the transgression of the law," and that he must repent, and forsake the breaking of God's commandments? Christ will come to consume the false prophet, to sweep away the hosts of apostasy, to take vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of God; and it is of the highest importance to each one of us that we know the conditions by which we shall escape the sinner's doom. **It is of the greatest moment that we understand the nature of our fall and the consequences of transgression.** Man's conscience has become hardened by sin, and his understanding darkened by transgression, and his judgment has become confused as to what is sin. He has become benumbed by the influence of iniquity, and it is essential that his conscience be aroused to understand that sin is the transgression of God's holy law. **He who does not obey the commandments of God is a sinner in the sight of God.** {ST, June 20, 1895 par. 5}

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As we see the condition of mankind today, the question arises in the minds of some, Is man by nature totally and wholly depraved? Is he hopelessly ruined? No, he is not. The Lord Jesus left the royal courts and, taking our human nature, lived such a life as everyone may live in humanity, through following His example. We may perfect a life in this world which is an example of righteousness, and overcome as Christ has given us an example in His life, revealing that humanity may conquer, as He, the great Pattern, conquered. {Lt25-1904.14}

Men have sold themselves to the enemy of all righteousness. They cannot redeem themselves. **Christ came to our world to live the example humanity must live, if they are to secure the heavenly reward.** Of themselves they can do no good thing. But there is a way of escape. When man sinned, Christ offered to stand as his substitute and surety, in order to provide a way whereby the guilty race might return to loyalty. He took humanity and passed over the ground where Adam stumbled and fell. **Without swerving from His allegiance, He met the temptations wherewith man is beset, and resisted every plausible representation of hope that sinners can be saved in their sins.** Christ's righteousness is distinctly made apparent in overcoming every temptation. {Lt25-1904.15}

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Conclusion: The wretched man of Romans 7 was not to show us what the Christian walk is to be. It is the *prelude*, not the *conclusion* of the sanctified life. The victory of Romans 8 is in direct response to the trouble of Romans 7. The answer of Roman 8 is the life of Christ, and walking in His Spirit daily, fulfilling the Law of God. This is the gospel!

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