

**Lesson # 32**  
**“ARE INFANTS BORN PURE?”**

**TEXTS: Isaiah 59:1,2; Ezekiel 18: 14-21; 1 John 3:4; Rom. 4:15**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Let's begin this lesson reading from a book called *The Way of Salvation In The Lutheran Church*, page 27. “ The Lutheran Church, then teaches and confesses nothing but the pure truth of God's word when in the Augsburg Confession, Article II”

She says: “Also they, that after Adam's fall, all men, begotten after the common course of nature, are born with sin!”

“How long will it be before that helpless and seemingly innocent babe, that slumbers on its mother's breast, shows symptoms of anger, jealousy, stubbornness and disobedience? Let that child alone, and without a teacher, it will learn to lie, deceive, steal, curse and give pain to others.”

*The Book of Discipline* of the United Methodist Church, page 68, Article VII:

“Original sin standeth not in the following of Adam, but it is the corruption of the nature of every man, that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam, whereby man is very far gone from the original righteousness, and of his own nature inclined to evil, and that continually.”

*Wesley's Works*, Miscellaneous, Volume 2, page 16:

“Infants need to be washed from original sin; therefore they are proper subjects of baptism.”

**1. PROOF-TEXTS:**

Psalms 51:5	“In sin did my mother conceive me”
Psalms 53:3	“There is no one that does good”
Psalms 58:3	“ Wicked are estranged from the womb”
Matt. 19:13-15	“ Christ blesses little children”
Romans 5:19	“Many were made sinners”
I Cor. 15:22	“In Adam all die”
Eph. 2:3	“By nature the children of wrath”

**2. PROBLEMS WITH SUPPOSED PROOF-TEXTS.**

Psalms 51:5	The sin was the mother's
Psalms 53:3	They have gone astray
Psalms 58:3	Infants cannot speak lies
Matt. 19:13-15	We must become depraved
Romans 5:19	They were also made righteous
I Cor. 15:22	In Christ all are made alive
Eph. 2:3	Pure nature can be transmitted too

## ARE INFANTS BORN SINNERS AND LOST?

### Chart Lesson 32

#### I. HOW DID SIN COME INTO THE WORLD?

1. If Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil they would  
\_\_\_ Die \_\_\_\_\_. Gen. 2:17

2. Through one (Adam) \_\_\_ Sin \_\_\_\_ came into the world. Romans 5:12

Through sin came \_\_\_ Death \_\_\_\_\_. Romans. 5:12; 6:23 \_\_\_ ALL \_\_\_\_\_

#### II. MORALTY WHAT DID MAN GAIN THROUGH EATING OF THE TREE?

1. Their eyes were \_\_\_ Open \_\_\_\_\_. Gen. 3:7

2. They came to Know \_\_\_ Good \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ Evil \_\_\_\_\_. Gen. 3:22

#### III. DO INFANTS DIFFER MORALLY FROM ADAM AND EVE BEFORE THEY ATE?

1. Children have \_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ knowledge of good and evil. Deut. 1:39; Isa. 7:16

2. If one is \_\_\_ Blind \_\_\_\_\_ he has no sin. John 9:41

3. He that knows to do good and does not do it to him it is \_\_\_ Sin \_\_\_\_\_ James 4:17

4. A child does not bear the \_\_\_\_\_ Iniquity \_\_\_\_\_ of the father. Eze. 18:20

#### IV. WHAT IS THE CONDITION OF CHILDREN IN GOD'S EYES?

1. Through sin one is \_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_\_ from God. Isa. 59:1,2

2. The angels of children behold the \_\_\_ Face \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Matt. 18:10

3. One must become like \_\_\_ Little \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_. Matt. 18:3

4. The kingdom has those like \_\_\_ Little \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_. Matt. 19:4

#### V. WHAT DOES ONE DO WITH OR FROM THE HEART IN CONVERSION?

\_\_\_ Believe \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 8:12,15 \_\_\_ Understand \_\_\_\_\_ Matt. 13:15

\_\_\_ Believeth \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 10:10 \_\_\_ Obeyed \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 6: 17,18

#### VI. THOSE WHO WERE BAPTIZED:

\_\_\_ Gladly Received \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 2:41 \_\_\_ Men-Women \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 8:12

\_\_\_ Believed \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 8:12 \_\_\_ Hearing;Believed; Baptized \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 18:8