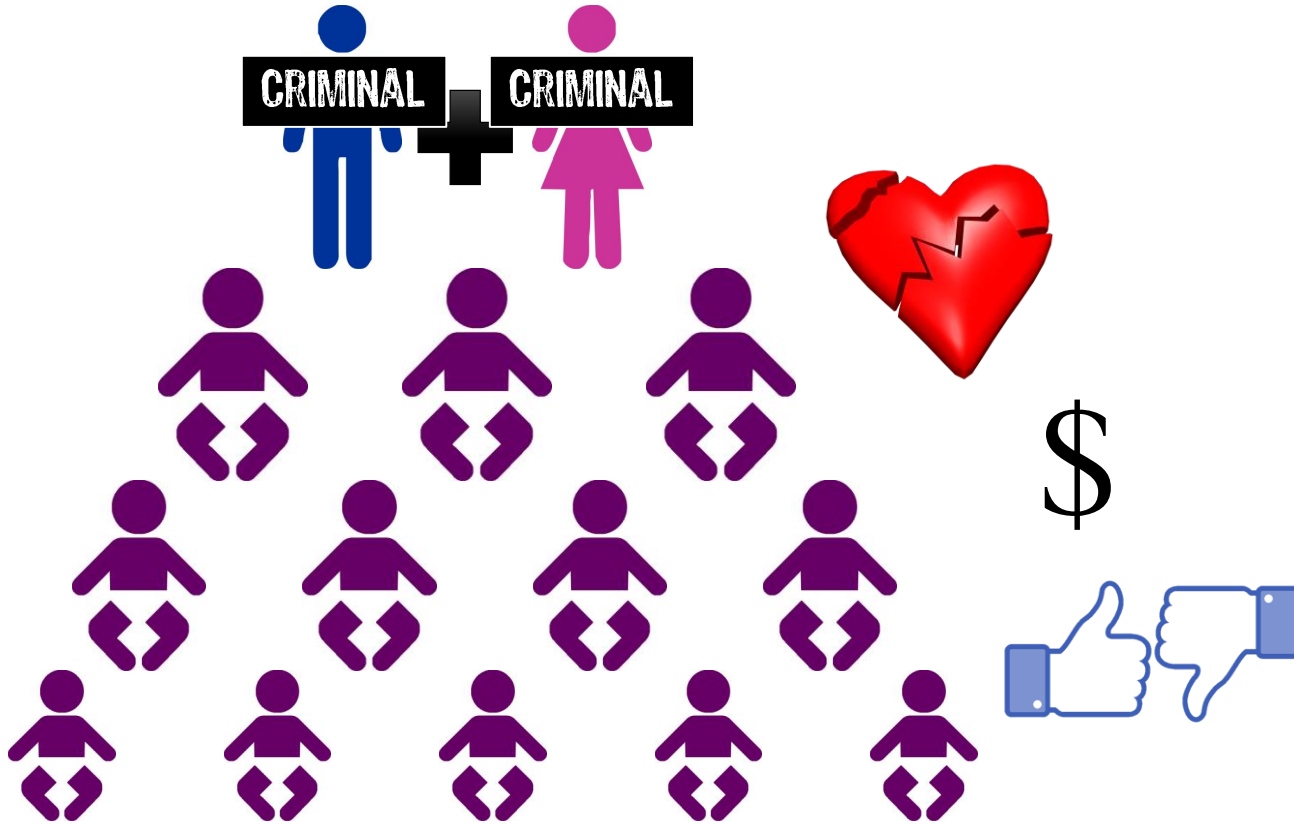


Therefore original sin is seen to be a hereditary depravity and corruption of our nature diffused into all parts of the soul . . . wherefore those who have defined original sin as the lack of the original righteousness with which we should have been endowed, no doubt include, by implication, the whole fact of the matter, but they have not fully expressed the positive energy of this sin. For our nature is not merely bereft of good, but is so productive of every kind of evil that it cannot be inactive.

– John Calvin (1559)

THE BIBLE VIEW:



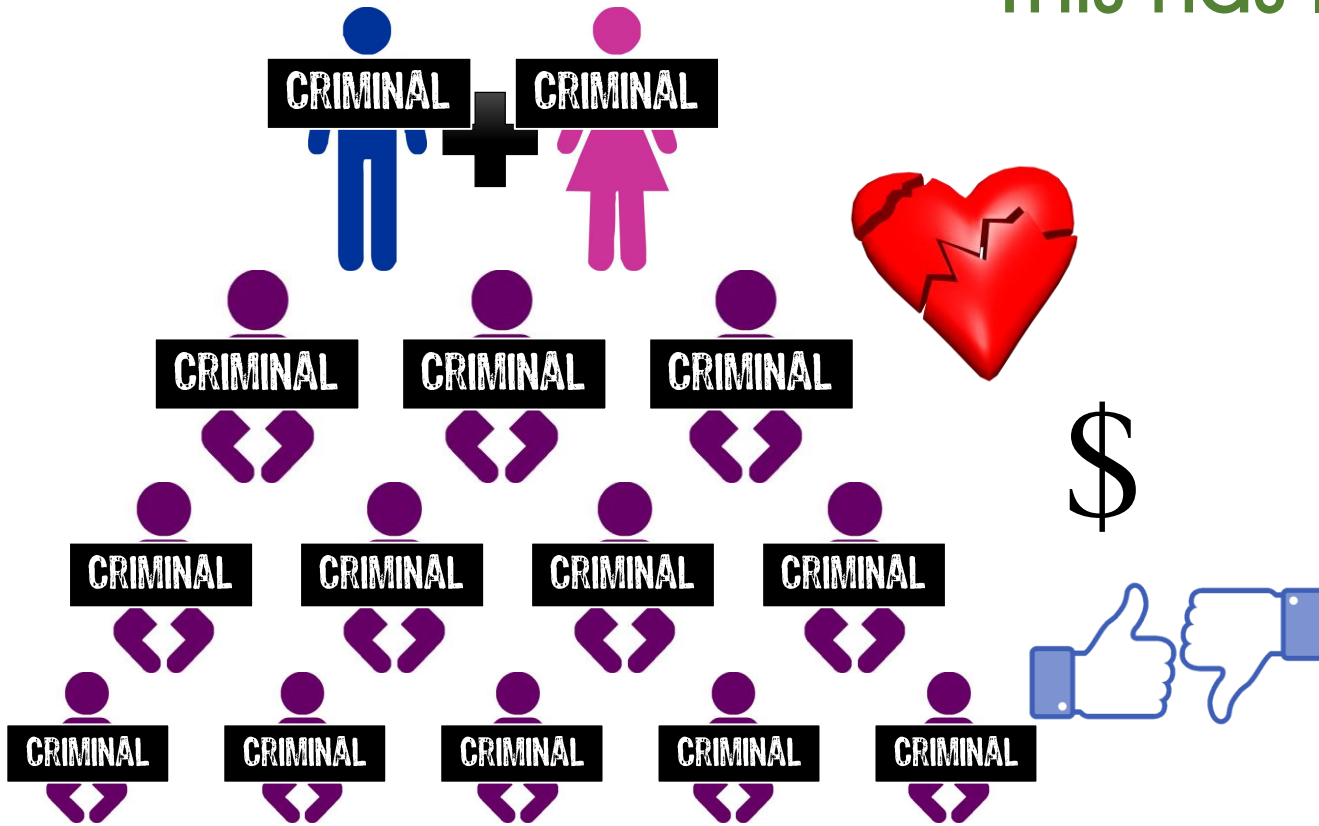
The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.

(Num. 14:18)

A biblical view of 'original' sin leaves us with the **CONSEQUENCES** of those who have sinned before us.

CALVIN'S VIEW:

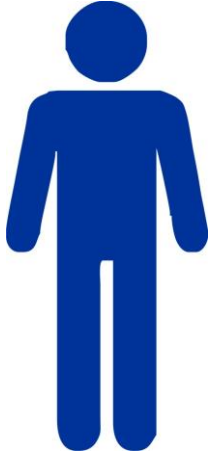
This has lead to countless false beliefs:



1. Faith alone salvation
2. Hopelessness/Worthlessness
3. Female inferiority
4. Helplessness/Apathy
5. Evangelical Stagnation
6. A lack of accountability
7. God loves only a few

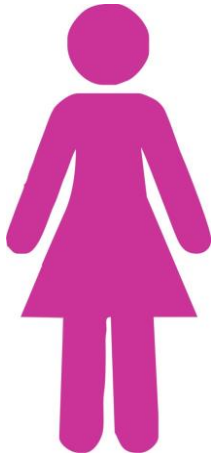
The Calvinistic/Protestant view of 'original' sin has us bearing the **CONSEQUENCES** and the **GUILT** of those who have sinned before us.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS:



EZEKIEL 18

The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, "What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge'? "As I live," says the Lord GOD, "**you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel.** Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; the soul who sins shall die.

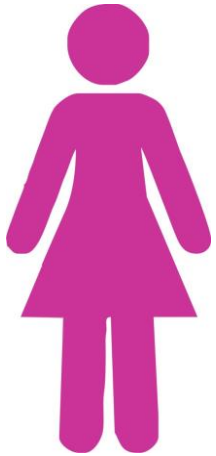
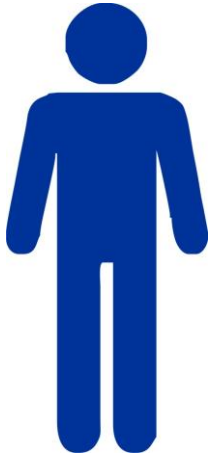


²⁰ The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. **The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.**"

HOW ABOUT THOSE FALSE BELIEFS THEN?

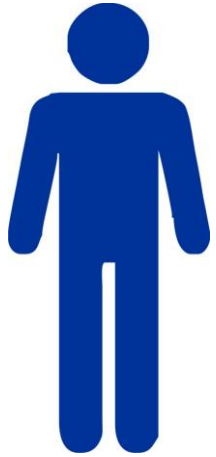
1. Faith alone salvation

James 2:14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? ¹⁷ Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe and tremble! ²⁰ But do you want to know, O foolish man, that **faith without works is dead**? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? ²² Do you see that **faith was working together with his works**, and by works faith was made perfect? ²³ And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God.

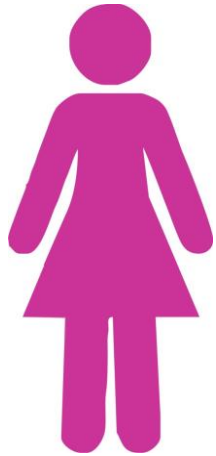


HOW ABOUT THOSE FALSE BELIEFS THEN?

2. Hopelessness/Worthlessness



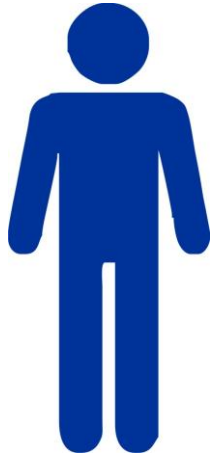
Matt 10:29 "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. ³⁰ "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ "Do not fear therefore; **you are of more value** than many sparrows.



Psalm 136:2 Give thanks to the God of gods, **for His steadfast love endures forever.** ³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His steadfast love endures forever; ⁴ to Him who alone does great wonders, for His steadfast love endures forever; ⁵ to Him who by understanding made the heavens, for His steadfast love endures forever; ⁶ to Him who spread out the earth above the waters, for His steadfast love endures forever; ⁷ to Him who made the great lights, for His steadfast love endures forever; ⁸ the sun to rule over the day, for His steadfast love endures forever; ⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night, for His steadfast love endures forever...

HOW ABOUT THOSE FALSE BELIEFS THEN?

3. Female inferiority



Gen 3:12 **The man said**, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world **through one man**, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned--

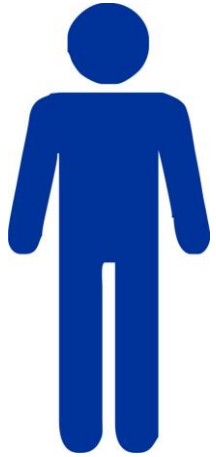


1 Pet 3:7 Ye husbands, in like manner, dwell with your wives according to knowledge, giving honor unto the woman, as unto the weaker vessel, as being also **joint-heirs of the grace of life**; to the end that your prayers be not hindered.

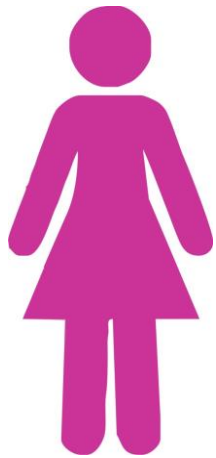
Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, **there is neither male nor female**, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

HOW ABOUT THOSE FALSE BELIEFS THEN?

4. Helplessness/Apathy



Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider **how to stir up** one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but **encouraging one another**, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.



Mat 6:19 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but **lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

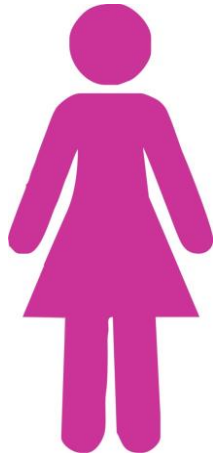
HOW ABOUT THOSE FALSE BELIEFS THEN?

5. Evangelical Stagnation



Mar 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel **to the whole creation.**"¹⁶

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."



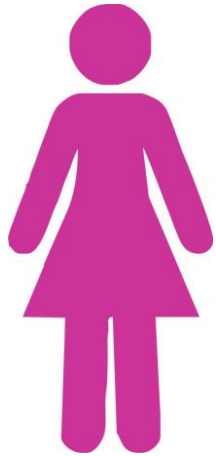
Jas 5:19 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back,²⁰ let him know that whoever **brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death** and will cover a multitude of sins.

HOW ABOUT THOSE FALSE BELIEFS THEN?

6. A lack of accountability



Ecc 12:13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.
¹⁴ For **God will bring every deed into judgment**, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

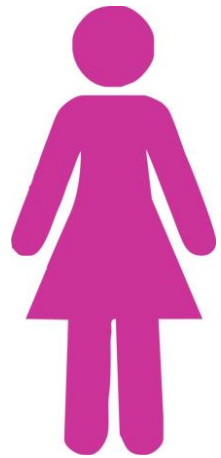
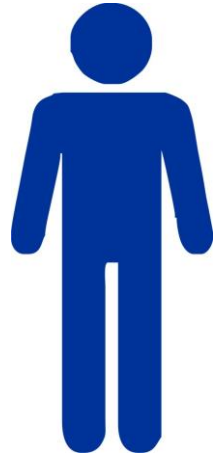


Act 10:34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but **in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him**.

2 Pet 2:6 if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes He condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; ⁷ and if **He rescued righteous Lot**, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked ... ⁹ then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,

HOW ABOUT THOSE FALSE BELIEFS THEN?

7. God loves only a few



Jhn 3:16 For God so **loved the world**, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but **in order that the world might be saved** through Him.