

Is Original Sin a Myth Upon a Myth?

Isn't it ironic that those who believe today in the doctrine of "original sin" are the ones now who deny the account of Adam and Eve as an authentic, historical record?

They believe the story of Adam and Eve was only a myth. So what do they admit by such a statement but that the doctrine is fabricated out of a myth!!!



They like to quote Irenaeus and Tertullian, Basil, Gregory of Nazianzins, Gregory of Nyssa, and Ambrosiaster. The latter said "Adam's sin corrupted the flesh and the corruption is passed by physical descent. Man cannot plead that he is not responsible for the results of sins – even if he commits them unwillingly in a sense, it was he who originally, presumably in Adam, enslaved himself to the devil."

Says who? Where does the Bible say I am guilty of Adam's sin? I was born in the fold but went astray. I was born a son but left my father and became a prodigal. I'm to blame for my own sin, not Adams. I bear the consequences of his sin but not his guilt.

But the Bible says by one mans sin many were made sinners – **Romans 5:19**. Look at the context. It is a contrast between Adam and Christ. Paul points out that by Adam's fall, sin entered into the world and this brought death to all men.

Through that offence, we all die. So by Christ's righteousness many are made righteous and by Christ's death, by grace, many are made righteous.

Adam's offence brought death to all who are his. Christ's righteousness can bring life to all who are His. Adam's disobedience made all to be counted sinners in God's

sight. Christ's obedience will make those in Christ be counted righteous.

Where sin did reign to death for all men, those who accept God's grace reign through the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

In Adam, we are reckoned to be sinners. In Christ, we are reckoned, or counted righteous. It all depends if we are **IN** Adam or **IN** Christ.

When Adam sinned, he and Eve were expelled from the garden, which contained the Tree of Life. Even after they sinned, God said, "...Lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat and live forever." He removed them from the Tree of Life. All mankind are counted sinners and thus in Adam all die because we are not eating of the Tree of Life.

I asked a farmer to let me fish in his pond. He said, "No, I let a man fish in it and he left his trash and I forbid anyone to fish here now." He counted all future fishermen as the first fisherman so forbade all to fish there. All are counted "trashers" but they were not trashers upon becoming fishermen. I was not guilty of trashing the man's pond but I bore the consequences of the "original trasher". I do not bear Adam's guilt, nor his inherited nature.

Adam's DNA did not change! His privileges changed and mine did as well and I share the consequence, but not his guilt. The child born blind bears the consequence of his father's fornicating and getting syphilis, but not his father's guilt.

So to return to my first paragraph's thought, it is strange that many of those pushing the doctrine of original sin DENY the sin ever happened in the first place because it is a myth.

In reality, the sin of Adam did occur but the idea that I have inherited his quilt and sinful nature is an on-going myth created by man. It has spawned many other unscriptural doctrines and practices.