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Original Sin. Sin is not just murder, rape, or robbery. “Sin” is a word that describes any thought, word, deed, or state of being that fails to meet God’s standard of holiness and perfection. The Bible unambiguously proclaims that “**For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**” ([Romans 3:23 NASB](#)).

While the notion of generational curses and spirits is foreign to the text of Scripture, there is a sense in which all people are cursed as a result of an ancestor's sin. Adam’s rebellion brought death to us all and tainted every aspect of our being ([Genesis 3](#); [1 Corinthians 15:21–22](#); cf. [Ephesians 2:3](#)).

God, however, has provided redemption through the atoning work of the “**last Adam,**” Jesus Christ ([1 Corinthians 15:22, 45–49](#); cf. [Romans 5:12–21](#)).

Romans 5:18-19 (NASB)

¹⁸“So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

¹⁹For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.”

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Canon. The thirty–nine books of the Hebrew Scriptures along with the twenty–seven books of the Greek New Testament are divine rather than merely human in origin and constitute the entire Christian canon (meaning “standard of measurement”).

In addition to the internal testimony of the Bible about itself ([2 Timothy 3:16](#)), the divine inspiration and preservation of the Bible can be demonstrated by the early dating and consistency of the many available manuscripts, the corroboration of archaeology, and the fulfillment of predictive prophecy.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NASB)

¹⁶ “All Scripture is inspired (**theopneustos-God-breathed**) by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

John 17:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word (**logos-related to the God-breathed words from God’s mouth**) is truth.”