

Grace Baptist LIFE Groups
Sin, Lesson 3: How has sin affected us?

Introduction: Deeper than a spot.

1. We inherit corruption

- Depravity
 - Defined: corrupt, evil, or perverted; from Latin *pravitas* or *pravus*, crooked or perverse
 - Natural – part of our nature
 - Visible – observable, tangible symptoms
- How much?
 - Our mind
 - Our motives and emotions
 - Our actions/will
 - Our heart/inner man
- Summarized: We are fully infected.
- Clarifications
 - Not absolute depravity
 - But thorough depravity

2. We inherit guilt.

- Key passages:
 - Romans 3:19-20
 - Romans 5:12, 19
- A legal and moral standing before God
- How? As our representative, our ancestor, the prototype

3. We inherit the punishment.

- This is the natural result of our legal standing.
- Deaths
- Sin also affects our relationship with God, our own selves, and others.

4. Objections/Questions?

- This isn't fair!
- The "virtuous pagan"?
- Infants who die?