

# PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

May 12, 2024

## Welcome!

**BE ON YOUR GUARD  
STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH  
BE COURAGEOUS  
BE STRONG  
DO EVERYTHING  
IN LOVE**  
1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

*"O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a contrite heart - these, O God, You will not despise."*

Join us at 6:00pm today as we continue our series on Apologetics called: **"Why Should I Believe?"**

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## Prayer List

**Levi Bearden** will be having surgery for severe intestinal issues

**Mamie Hamilton** is continuing therapy to deal with back pain.

**Kim Waller** has had strep throat

**Ronnie Mayo** is continuing to recover from hip replacement.

Continue to pray for: **Darinda Paul, Rebecca Brown, Hunter Crouch, Burt Wilkerson, Donnie Garrett, Keith Walker** and family, **Forshia Pennington, Carol Saling, Camille Brosky**, those in **Ukraine; John Hayes, and Bill Gillock**



*We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7pm as we study the Life of Abraham*

## Serving Today

**Song Leader:**  
Steve Buchanan

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)

**Scripture Reading:**  
Jearmie Gupton

**Prayer:**  
Dwight Pennington

WORSHIP (10:30 am)

**Scripture Reading:**  
Charlie Baker  
*Romans 5:12; Ezekiel 18:19-20*

**Wait On Table:**  
Jeff Baker

**Serve:**  
Josh Demonbreun  
Jared Roaden

**Prayer:**  
David Billingsley

## Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 am
Sunday PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm

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This morning, we will begin looking at infant baptism, which is the most practiced form of Baptism in the world.

**Why Infant Baptism?** - There are two primary reasons given for the practice of baptizing infants shortly after their birth. These include (1) Original Sin, and (2) A Sign of a Family’s Covenant Relationship with God. Of these two, we will focus on “Original Sin” this morning.

**Original Sin** - The doctrine of Original Sin is the belief that infants inherit the sins of their parents all the way back to Adam and Eve. Practically speaking, the concept of Original Sin means that a child is vulnerable to damnation in the case of premature death. Thus, an infant is baptized shortly after birth to cancel Original Sin.

**Do We Inherit the Sins of Our Parents (or Adam)?** - So, if belief in Original Sin, and infant baptism, is so pervasive, does this belief have any basis in scripture? Many who hold to this view would point to Paul’s comparison and contrast of Adam and Jesus in **Rom 5:12-21**. Here is a chart to summarize the comparison:

<b>One Man</b>	Adam	Jesus, The Christ
<b>One Act</b>	Sin / Trespass	Righteousness
<b>Universal Result</b>	Death / Condemnation	Justification / Grace

The big question here is: What was passed on from Adam to all mankind that resulted in the spiritual death of all? Was it Adam’s sin or Adam’s sinful nature? To answer this, let’s look at what the text actually says:

***Romans 5:12 (ESV)** 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**—*

The text clearly says that all died, because “all sinned”. Nowhere in this text does he say that all died because we are guilty of Adam’s sin. The easy inference is that what passed down was Adam’s sinful nature, not his sin. Sinful nature inevitably leads us to sin, and the consequence of sin is death (**Rom 6:23; 1 Cor 15:21-22**). This is exactly what Paul said earlier that, “...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...” (**Rom 3:23**)

Back to the idea of inheriting sins, consider **Ezekiel 18**, where the Ezekiel repeatedly states that a person is responsible for their own sin. He does this by talking about eight specific sins that a father does NOT commit. This father then has a son who breaks all these statues. This son then has a son who follows in the footsteps of his grandfather and does NOT commit these sins. To all of this he says:

***Ezekiel 18:19-20 (ESV)** “Yet you say, ‘Why should not the son suffer for the iniquity of the father?’ When the son has done what is just and right, and has been careful to observe all my statutes, he shall surely live. 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.*

**Did Jesus Have Original Sin?** - To answer this question, let’s start with the genealogy of Jesus in Luke 3:23-38. Even though this genealogy lists Joseph “as was supposed” (23), it is traced through Mary, who was the only human involved in the birth of Jesus. The genealogy traces the line of Jesus from Mary all the way back to Adam (38). If all men inherit Adam’s sin, then wouldn’t Jesus have been born with Original Sin? If He were born with Original Sin, then how was He still considered to be sinless (**2 Cor 5:21; Heb 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5**).

This is a problem for those who insist on holding to the idea of Original Sin. It creates a paradox that ultimately led to the belief in the Immaculate Conception of Mary by the Roman Catholic Church. This was to show a break in the line from Adam to Jesus, and to show there was no chance of inherited sin, because His mother was born of God. The only problem with this is that it has NO BASIS in scripture. It is a fable created to eliminate the paradox Original Sin and a sinless Savior.