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**The Origins, Essence, and Ultimate
Consequence of Sin**

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Point One: the reason we sin is because we were born into sin.

– Psalm 51:5

– 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

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Point Two: even though we were born into sin, every one of us sins by choice and therefore we are culpable for our sin.

– Romans 3:23

– Mark 7:14-23

– Jeremiah 17:9—“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?”

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Point Three: to walk in our trespasses and sins, to live in the passions of our flesh, to carry out the desire of the body and the mind is to live under the dominion of Satan.

- 1 Chronicles 17:7
- 2 Corinthians 4:4
- 2 Timothy 2:23-26

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**Point Four: the nature of Satan's dominion
and the essence of sin are disobedience.**

– John 14:21

– John 15:9-10

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Point Five: the just and ultimate consequence of sin is to incur the terrible wrath of God.

- Deuteronomy 28:58-68
- Ephesians 5:5-6
- Colossians 3:5-6
- Revelation 21:8

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Three Points of Application:

- We ought to have an increased sense of the seriousness of sin and an increased hatred of sin.
- We ought not to justify or minimize sin, but rather confess and repent of it.
- We ought to know that understanding sin better helps us understand the grace of God better.