The Doctrine of Inherited Sin

Introduction:

- 1. There is much material that must be discussed and does not fit in the outline. Please take extra notes or get a copy on DVD.
- 2. Passages used in the first point are all passages that are twisted to originate the doctrine of inherited sin.

Discussion:

- I. The beliefs of those holding to the idea of inherited sin.
 - A. The whole human race sinned in Adam when he sinned.
 - B. When Adam sinned, human nature was corrupted, so that now all men are born with a sinful nature (Psalm 51:5).
 - C. This sinful nature is the fountain and direct cause of all of man's sins. Man sins by nature and cannot help but sin (Romans 7:13ff).
 - D. Because of Adam's transgression, all men are guilty, under the just "wrath and curse of God," and are liable to the "pains of hell forever."
 - E. Even newborn babies open their eyes in this world under the "wrath and curse" of God. They are guilty and condemned from the moment of their birth.
- II. What is the problem with the idea of sin being inherited?
 - A. First, how can the Bible make such a claim that Jesus Christ was perfect if he was born into this world? (Heb. 4:15)
 - B. If sin is inherited, then what about these passages?
 - 1. Genesis 4:4-7
 - 2. Genesis 3
 - C. Each man is accountable for his own sins (Col. 3:25; Ezek. 18:18-20).

Space Provided for Extra Notes: (Please consider writing down the passages that defeat this doctrine.)