

## “Are Some People Born Evil?”

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**Title:** *Born Evil or Born Broken?*

**Scripture:**

*"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."* —

**Psalm 51:5**

*"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."* — **Romans 3:23**

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**Message:**

The question *"Are some people born evil?"* is one that has been asked for centuries. The Bible makes it clear that we are all born with a sinful nature. We're not born holy and then "some" get corrupted—rather, every human being inherits a fallen nature from Adam. David confessed in Psalm 51:5 that sin has been part of him since birth.

But that does not mean we are doomed to be monsters. Our sinful nature gives us the *capacity* to choose wrong, but God gives us the *opportunity* to choose Him. Some grow up in environments that nurture goodness, while others face circumstances that seem to pull them deeper into darkness—but the same gospel light can pierce both hearts.

Ephesians 2:3 says we were "by nature children of wrath," but it also says in verses 4–5, *"But God, who is rich in mercy... even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ."*

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**Story:**

Years ago, there was a young man named John Newton, born in 1725. From childhood, he was rebellious, angry, and cruel. Many thought he was simply "born bad." He became a slave trader, living one of the most wicked lifestyles imaginable. But one stormy night at sea, facing death, Newton cried out to God. That encounter began a transformation that eventually led him to leave the slave trade, become a minister, and write the famous hymn *"Amazing Grace."*

Newton once said, *"I am a great sinner, but Christ is a great Savior."* His life

shows us that no one is born beyond the reach of God's mercy.

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**Conclusion:**

The Bible's answer is: No one is "born" irredeemably evil—rather, we are all born with a sinful nature in need of redemption. The same cross that saves the "average" sinner can save the "worst" sinner. No heart is too dark for the light of Christ.

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