



SECOND GENERATION  
**CHRISTIANS**



“YOU’RE ONLY A CHRISTIAN  
BECAUSE YOU WERE BORN TO  
CHRISTIAN PARENTS.”

# INHERITED DEPRAVITY?



- Scripture repeatedly affirms that children do not bear the spiritual guilt of their parents' sins (Ezekiel 18:19-20).
- Compare two individuals who had similar upbringings and faced the same choice, yet took vastly different paths (2 Kings 22:1-2, 1 Kings 22:51-53).
- Babies are not born sinful (Matthew 18:3, Romans 7:9, Romans 9:11). They have done neither good nor bad.

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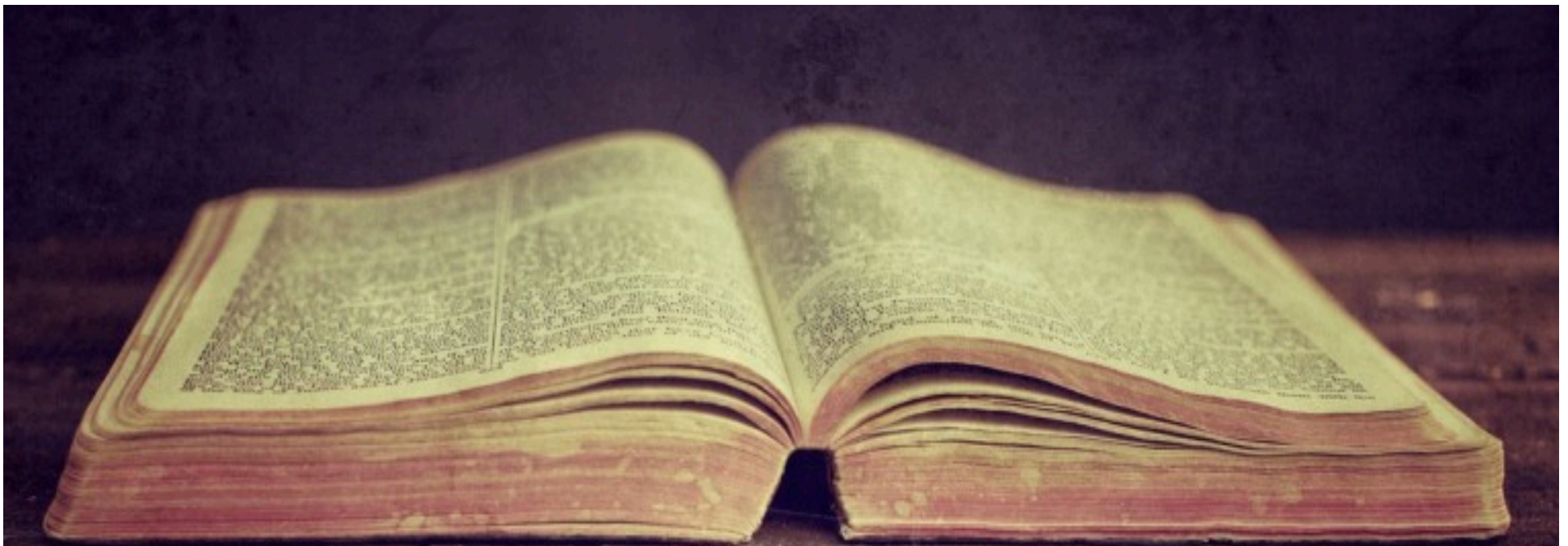
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- 2 Timothy 1:5 – His faith was sincere. It did not come for free, but required personal cultivation and conviction.
- 2 Timothy 3:14-15 – Without individual study (and, therefore, real ownership of conclusions reached) there can be no meaningful faith.
- 1 Timothy 4:15-16 – He was never to accept anything but the scriptures. Salvation or wisdom do not come as an inheritance, but by grace when we accept and obey the gospel call.



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**PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13**