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Adam. Belief in original sin is accepted in some form by most Christians, Jews and practically everyone who has ever raised children!

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This research supports the biblical teaching of original sin, and by implication, supports the Bible's account of Adam and Eve. One theologian pointed out that this explains why parents must daily battle against self-idolatry and must do this for their children until their children learn to do this for themselves. This study simply supports what the Bible has been saying for thousands of years.

Prayer: Father, I praise You for You have given me salvation, which because of original sin, I could not earn myself. Amen.

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