

What is the state of misery into which we are all conceived and born?

... darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart (NASB; Eph. 4:18).

... by nature children of wrath (NASB; Eph. 2:3).

CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM (NASB; Gal. 3:10).

The wages of sin is death (NASB; Rom. 6:23).

This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire (NASB; Rev. 20:14b-15).

The state of misery into which we are all conceived and born consists in *lost communion with God, life under His wrath and curse, and liability to all miseries in this life, death itself, and the pains of hell forever.*

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