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"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me."

Psalm 51:5 (ESV)

"For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person."

Matthew 15:19-20 (ESV)

"As it is written: 'None is righteous, no, not one;...'"

Romans 3:10 (ESV)

"For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous."

Romans 5:19 (ESV)

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"For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God."

Romans 8:7-8 (ESV)

"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins..."

Ephesians 2:1 (ESV)

"Among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind."

Ephesians 2:3 (ESV)