

# PARABLE OF THE GRANPA'S CRIMES

A Parable Exposing the Utter Folly of the false Doctrine of Original Sin

*“The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.” –Ezekiel 18:20*



There once was a fair family, named *Mann*, who lived in the Kingdom of one King, namely *King Inherited Guilt*. The *Mann* family consisting of a husband, his wife, and his only son, The *Mann* family did languish in poverty as many did in that oppressive country, but did as well as others, at least others they knew. One day the King's legal Municipal visited the family. He came with great pomp, noise, and with horsemen arrayed in attire for war and promptly addressed the man of the house.

*“Where is your son?”* he demanded.

*“Why,”* said the man, *“He is in the fields, what business do have with the lad?”* he replied.

*“Our instructions are to apprehend your entire family as the Mann family is wanted for crimes against the King.”*

A'taken back, *Mr. Mann* inquired, *“For what crimes I might ask?”*

The regal magistrate promptly removed an official scroll from his vesture and opening it, read aloud, *“For the crimes of thievery committed many years ago by your great-great-grandfather you and your family are hereby to be hanged by noon tomorrow.”*

Though the man and his family resisted valiantly, without weapon and aid, they were quickly subdued and apprehended and brought to the *King's* court. There, without representation, hearing, or trial they were found guilty of crimes committed by their distant relative, one they had never met, spoken to, seen, and who had been dead for over 100 years. Soon after their verdict was read, they were led to the gallows were they were promptly executed for thievery even though they had never personally stole anything.

## APPLICATION

*“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” –2 Corinthians 5:10*

Everyone, by their innate sense of *justice*, immediately recognizes the above scenario violates the basics of personal responsibility and accountability. Justice demands men give an account for what they do, not others. Arbitrarily suffering the penalty for the crimes of another is

unreasonable and unjust. Likewise, the false theological idea that all mankind inherits the guilt of *Adam's sin* is both unreasonable and unscriptural. We indeed inherit the ramifications and consequences of *Adam's sin*, but not his guilt. -B.W.