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Because they had died spiritually, this was the only response their fallen wills could desire. God’s Apostle Paul, speaking to Adam and Eve’s descendents, expressed it this way.

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But how can this happen if their hearts are dead and their fallen natures estranged from such desires? God makes it clear that only His choice to quicken a heart will enable it to seek mercy.

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