Colossians 3:9-10 -- "Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with Its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him."

Ephesians 4:24 -- "and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."

I John 3:2 -- 'Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He Is.

B.   The Original Condition of Mankind

According to the Scriptures, Adam and Eve were created as mature, perfect, immortal beings, yet capable of falling.

1.   Adam and Even were created as <u>mature</u>.

Our first parents were not created as infants, but as mature, responsible adults. Their faculties and capabilities were developed, but not as a result of a process of development. Thus 'mature' in this context does not mean <u>experienced</u>.

Their created capabilities for thinking, distinguishing, reasoning, remembering, feeling, planning, purposing, deciding, acting, and making moral judgments were mature, but as yet totally without trial of experience.
Their created capabilities for hearing, seeing, tasting, smelling, touching, speaking, and locomotion were mature, but as yet completely devoid of usage.
Their created capabilities for being fruitful in begetting children, having dominion over the earth, and manipulating the various aspects of the rest of the created universe for God's glory and their own good were mature, but as yet untried.
Evidence for their creation as mature may be found in the following scriptural data:

Adam Is repeatedly called a man (Genesis 2:7, 8, 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25; 3:12)

Eve is repeatedly called a woman (Genesis 2:22, 23; 3:1, 2, 4, 6, 12, 13, 15, 16)

Adam Is called Eve's husband (Genesis 3:6, 16)

Eve Is called Adam's wife (Genesis 2:25; 3:8, 17, 20)

Adam was made responsible to cultivate and keep the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:15)