

THE BIBLICAL TRUTH ABOUT TOTAL DEPRAVITY

1. The ORIGINAL CREATION of MAN

- a) Mankind was originally created in the _____. (Gen. 1:26-31)
- b) Mankind was created with a _____ and yet with _____ established by God. (Gen. 2:16-17)
- c) Adam and Eve's sin resulted in _____ and a new inclination _____ God. (Gen. 3:6-8, 10, 12-13)
- d) God took the _____ to _____ fallen man. (Gen. 3:9, 21-24)

2. The EXTENT and EFFECTS of Human Sin

The depravity or corruption of man caused by sin is "total" because . . .

- a) it is _____ among mankind. (Gen. 6:5; 11-12; Eccl. 7:20; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:9-19)
- b) every descendant of Adam (except Christ) is a sinner by _____ (Rom. 7:17-18, 20-21), _____ (Rom. 5:12-19), and _____ choice (Rom. 3:23).

** What response does this elicit from God? (John 3:36; Rom. 3:19; Gal. 3:22; Eph. 2:3; 5:6)*

- c) it extends to man's very _____. (Eph. 2:1-3; 4:17-19)
- d) it begins at the very moment of _____. (Gen. 8:21; Ps. 51:5, 58:3; Isa. 48:8)
- e) man is essentially and unchangeably _____ apart from God's grace. (Jer. 17:9; Mark 7:20-23)

f) man is completely incapable of _____ himself (John 1:13; Eph. 2:4-5; Col. 2:13; Jam. 1:18) or doing any _____ that can _____ salvation from God (Isa. 64:6; Rom. 8:6-7; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7).

** What is God's gracious remedy to all of this?*

3. The Gracious PRE-SALVATION WORK of GOD

a) Apart from God's gracious pre-salvation work of _____, _____, and _____ mankind, no one would believe in Christ and be saved. (Gen. 6:3; Matt. 16:17; Luke 10:21-22; John 1:9; 3:27; 6:44, 65; 12:32; 16:8-11; Acts 16:14; 18:27)

b) This is not the same as the Calvinist teaching that regeneration _____ faith. (Acts 16:30-31; John 1:12-13; 3:14-16; 20:31; Acts 11:17-18; Gal. 3:2, 26; Eph. 1:13-14)

** How does Calvinism misinterpret the concepts of death, slavery, and creation?*

c) According to the Bible, _____ in Christ is not a _____ since it is the only response to God that is consistent with _____. (Rom. 3:27-28; 4:4-5, 16)

4. The IMAGE of GOD and the WILL of MAN

a) Though the image of God (including the will) has been _____ due to sin, it has not been _____. (Gen. 9:6; 1 Cor. 11:7; Jam. 3:9)

b) As a result of retaining the image of God and God's gracious pre-salvation work, mankind is capable of responsibly exercising his volition by _____ in Christ in order to be saved. (Luke 8:15; John 5:38-40; 7:17; Acts 10:1-11:18; Rev. 22:17)

** How does all of this apply to you?*