

Total Depravity

Man in his raw, natural state as he comes from the womb is morally and spiritually corrupt in disposition and character. Every part of his being-his mind, his will, his emotions, his affections, his conscience, his body-has been affected by sin. This is what is meant by the doctrine of total depravity. – Robert L. Reymond

1689 Baptist Confession 6:2

By this sin our first parents fell from their original righteousness and communion with God. We fell in them, and through this, death came upon all. All became dead in sin and completely defiled in all the capabilities and parts of soul and body.

Old Testament:

Gen. 6:5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was *only evil continually*.

Jer. 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Then you also can do good who are accustomed to doing evil.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

New Testament:

John 3:19-20 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

Rom. 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness *suppress the truth*.

Rom. 3:10-12 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; *no one seeks for God*. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

1 Cor. 2:14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is *not able to understand them* because they are spiritually discerned.

2 Cor. 4:3-4 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Ephesians 2:1-3 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- 3 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.