

Total Depravity

The Bible's View of Sin and Sinners

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I. The Bible's description of sinners and sin is much different to common belief

A. All people who are born of Adam became sinners when Adam originally sinned

1. The original sin

Gen 3:6 ..she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

2. The doctrine of 'Original Sin' concerning the extent of the original sin

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

B. All people who are born of Adam are born sinners by their very nature

1. A person does not become a sinner, when he or she commits his or her first sin

2. A person commits sin, because he or she is a sinner by nature

3. Adam's fallen nature was passed on to his offspring

Gen 5:3 And Adam...begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image...

Job 14:4 Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? not one.

4. From conception, at birth, and as children—God judges all people to be sinners

Psa 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Psa 58:3 ...they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

Gen 8:21 ...for the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth...

5. According to our born-with-sin nature—All mankind deserves the wrath of God

Eph 2:3 ...and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

C. The Bible declares and proves that all people are sinners by practice

1. Through all time and in all places—God universally declares that all are sinners

Rom 3:10 ...There is none righteous, no, not one:

Rom 3:12 ...there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

2. Sins of the tongue—Who can deny committing sins of the tongue?

Jas 3:8 But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

a. Whisperers—Backbiters—Slanderers—Talebearers—Etc.

b. Foolish talk and jesting is sin

Eph 5:4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting...but rather giving of thanks

c. Corrupt communications are words that don't build up or bring grace

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

d. Idle words useless, barren, lazy words that are not employed in work

Mat 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

3. There are sins of the core level of the heart—Deceitfulness—Lust

Jer 17:9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Mat 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

4. There are sins that occur in the mind—Anger—Covetousness

Mat 5:22 ...whosoever is angry with his brother...shall be in danger of the judgment...

Exo 20:17 Thou shalt not covet...

5. Sins of omission (Good that we fail to do—But should be doing)

Jas 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

Mat 25:45 ...Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me.

Mat 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment...

6. In His preaching—Jesus set an unattainable standard of good

Luk 6:27 ...Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

7. God judges all the self-claimed ‘non-sinners’ to be sinners

1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us...

1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar...

8. ‘Little sinners’ are as guilty as ‘big sinners’

Jas 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

9. The best of men never ceases to be a sinner

Rom 7:19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

10. In Romans the Holy Spirit took almost three chapters to prove that all are guilty

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Rom 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

II. Sinners are powerless to recover themselves by their own will and ability

A. An unborn again natural man has no will to come to God (He has no ‘*want to*’)

1. Jesus declared that an unborn again natural man will not come to Him for life

Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

a. An unborn again natural man is a hater of God

Rom 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters...

b. An unborn again natural mind thinks of God as an enemy

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God...

c. An unborn again natural man has no fear of God

Rom 3:18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

d. An unborn natural man will not seek the God that he does not think about

Psa 10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God*: God *is* not in all his thoughts.

e. Things of the spiritual realm seem foolish to an unborn again natural man

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him...

2. What would motivate a man who thinks like this to come to God?

B. An unborn again natural man has no ability to come to God (He has no 'can do')

1. An unborn again natural man cannot come to Christ

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...

a. An unborn again natural man cannot know spiritual things

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God...neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

b. An unborn again natural man cannot understand

Rom 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

c. An unborn again natural man cannot see

Joh 3:3 ...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

d. An unborn again natural man cannot enter

Joh 3:5 ...Except a man be born...*of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom...

e. An unborn again natural man cannot hear

Joh 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

f. An unborn again natural man cannot believe

Joh 12:39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,

g. An unborn again natural man cannot be converted

Joh 12:40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with *their* eyes, nor understand with *their* heart, and be converted...

h. An unborn again natural man cannot please God

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*...

i. An unborn again natural man cannot cease from sin

2Pe 2:14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin...

j. An unborn again natural man cannot be subject to God

Rom 8:7 ...the carnal mind...is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

k. An unborn again natural 'cannot' cannot become a spiritual 'can'

Jer 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then* may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

2. How can an unborn again natural man (with all these ‘*cannots*’) come to God?

C. The Bible’s analogies of regeneration show the passiveness of man in the process

1. The Bible likens regeneration to a birth

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth...so is every one that is born of the Spirit
—**Can a man cause his own birth? —What did you do before you were you?**

2. The Bible likens regeneration to a resurrection from the dead

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Joh 5:25 ...The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

—**Can the dead raise himself? —How dead is dead?**

3. The Bible likens regeneration to a new creation

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works...

—**Can the uncreated create himself? —Did Adam help God create Adam?**

III. God’s plan of salvation by grace is both profoundly simply and simply profound

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.