

SESSION 4: The Paradox of Man (Part 2): His Unimaginable Depravity

Song Selection: TPH Psalm #119D My Soul is Sinking

Scripture: Gen 6:5, 11-12

Q: what has man become in his fall?

- Gen 6:5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that *every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*
- Gen 6:11-12 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for *all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.*
- WCF 6.2, 6.4, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5
- 6.2 By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so *became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body.*
- 6.4 From this original corruption, whereby we are utterly *indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil,* do proceed all actual transgressions.
- 9.3 Man, by his fall into a state of sin, *hath wholly lost all ability of will to any spiritual good accompanying salvation; so as a natural man, being altogether averse from that good, and dead in sin, is not able, by his own strength, to convert himself, or to prepare himself thereunto.*
- 9.4 When God converts a sinner, and translates him into the state of grace, *he freeth him from his natural bondage under sin, and by his grace alone enables him freely to will and to do that which is spiritually good;* yet so as that, by reason of his remaining corruption, he doth not perfectly, nor only, will that which is good, but doth also will that which is evil.
- 9.5 *The will of man is made perfectly and immutably free to good alone, in the state of glory only.*

1. Imago Dei after the Fall
2. Spiritual death and bondage to sin
3. Federal headship: in Adam all die
4. Key verses on depravity
5. Depravity and "free will"