

I. What is wrong with people?

II. How did God make man?

- A. Good (Gen. 1:26-28, 31; Col. 3:10; Eph. 4:24)
- B. After God's image
- C. Yet, changeable (Ro. 1:23 [Greek])
- D. As a human race (Acts 17:26; Gen. 5:1-3ff; Gen. 10)
- E. In covenant with God (Gen. 2:9, 17)

III. What happened to man?

- A. The fall (Gen. 3; Eccl. 7:29)
- B. Original sin (Gen. 6:12; Pro. 22:15; 27:22; Jer. 17:9; Mk. 7:14-23; Ro. 3:10-20, 23; 6:23; 8:5-8, 13; Gal. 5:19; Eph. 2:1-3; Ti. 1:15; 3:3)
- C. How does man inherit original sin? (Ps. 51:5; Jn. 3:3-6; Ro. 5:12-14, 16; 1 Cor. 15:21-22)
- D. Free will? (Jn. 8:34; Mt. 7:17-19; Ro. 6:16-23; 7:5)
- E. Unbiblical views
 - 1. According to the NY Times...
 - 2. God helped!
 - 3. Save me from my body!
 - 4. Nothing could be any worse!

IV. What does man need?

- A. The Gospel (Ro. 1:16; 1 Cor. 2:6-13; Eph. 2:8)
- B. The power of the resurrection (Ps. 51:10; Ezek. 37:1-14; Eph. 1:19-20)
- C. Are Christians totally depraved? (Ro. 7:7ff)
- D. Nature and grace give all glory to God (Rev. 4:6-11; 5:8-14)

FURTHER READING:

The Canons of Dort

- Third and Fourth heads of Doctrine (Human Corruption, Conversion to God, and the Way It Occurs)

The Westminster Confession of Faith

- Ch. 6 (Of the Fall of Man, of Sin, and of the Punishment Thereof)
- Ch. 9 (Of Free Will)

Calvin, John. Truth for All Time: A Brief Outline of the Christian Faith. Translated by Stuart Olyott. Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth, 1998.