

THE DOCTRINE OF TOTAL DEPRAVITY

1. Man's heart is depraved.

- a. Jeremiah 17:9 – The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?
- b. Proverbs 20:9 – Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?
- c. Matthew 15:7-9 – Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

2. Man's body (flesh) is depraved.

- a. Job 14:4 – Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one.
- b. Psalm 51:5 – Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- c. Psalm 58:3 – The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

3. Man's mind is depraved.

- a. II Corinthians 4:3-4 – But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

4. Man's will is depraved.

- a. John 1:13 – Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
- b. Romans 9:15-16 – For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.