

Week Two Summary

Even before birth, we are sinful by nature and guilty of denying God. This Total Depravity is not "absolute" or having an "absence of Worldly good." It is a Total Inability within our nature of doing, understanding, or desiring good.

Death = Slavery to Sin

John 8:44

Ephesians 2:1,2

II Timothy 2:26

I John 3:10

Romans 6:20

Titus 3:3

Death = Inability to Quicken

Job 14:4

Jeremiah 13:23

Matthew 7:16-18

Matthew 12:33

John 6:44

Romans 11:35-36

I Corinthians 2:14

II Corinthians 3:5

Recalling the Arminian Error we are correcting

Freedom of will is man's natural state, not a spiritual gift. Grace works upon all men to influence them for good, but only those who freely choose to agree with grace by faith and repentance are given new spiritual power to make effectual the good they otherwise impotently intend. As John Wesley stated more forcefully, humans are in fact totally corrupted by original sin, but God's prevenient grace allowed free will to operate.

Our view of depravity denies universal prevenient grace and moral ability to turn to Christ.

Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture they do not understand, but the passages that bother me are those I do understand.

--Mark Twain

John 8:44 (English Standard Version)

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Ephesians 2:1-2 (English Standard Version)

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 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

2 Timothy 2:25-26 (English Standard Version)

God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

1 John 3:10 (English Standard Version)

By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Romans 6:20 (English Standard Version)

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

Titus 3:3 (English Standard Version)

We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

Job 14:4 (English Standard Version)

Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?
There is not one.

Jeremiah 13:23 (English Standard Version)

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

Matthew 7:16-18 (English Standard Version)

You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.

Matthew 12:33 (English Standard Version)

Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.

John 6:44 (English Standard Version)

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

Romans 11:35-36 (English Standard Version)

"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (English Standard Version)

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 Corinthians 3:5 (English Standard Version)

Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God,