

Core Calling

The Gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom

Isa. 11:2-5; 1 Cor.2:4-5

A Short Summary on Depravity

1. Definition: Man's possession (by birth) of a corrupt moral and spiritual nature that has a bias toward evil and away from God.

2. Descriptions of Depravity

- a. Man is unable to set himself right again (**Rom. 7:18**).
- b. Man is unable to please God on his own (**Isa. 64:6**)
- c. Man is neither as bad as he can be (morally), nor is he as opposed to God as he could be. He is as bad off as he can be (corrupted from a right orientation to God & a right relationship with God)
- d. Man can discern good and evil (**Rom. 2:13-15**)
- e. The natural man's discernment is marred by his sinful, depraved nature (**Prov. 14:12; 16:25; 1 Cor. 2:14**)
- f. Man is separated from God (**Isa. 59:2**)

3. Extent of Depravity

- a. Mind (**Rom. 1:28; Eph. 4:18; Tit. 1:15**)
- b. Will (**Jn. 3:19; Rom. 7:18**)
- c. Heart (**Jer. 17:9**)
- d. Conscience (**Heb. 9:9**)
- e. Body (**Gen. 2:17; 3:16**)
- f. Spirit (**Eph. 2:1; Col. 2:13**) (e.g. dead telephone-communication is broken, needs to be restored)

4. Summary of Man's Condition of Depravity

- a. Spiritual death (**Eph. 2:1; Col. 2:13**)
- b. Spiritual blindness (**2 Cor. 4:4**)
- c. Enemy of God (**Rom.5:10; Col. 1:21**)
- d. Member of the Devil's Kingdom (**Col. 1:13; 1 Jn. 5:19**)
- e. Child of the Devil (**Jn. 8:44; 1 Jn. 3:10**)
- f. Condemned by God (**Jn. 3:18, 36**)
 - i. Under the curse of God (**Gal. 3:13**)
 - g. Under the state and power of sin (**Rom. 3:9; 11:32; Gal. 3:22**)
 - h. Under the power of the devil (**Acts 26:18, 1 Jn. 5:19**)