

Westminster Confession of Faith (1647)

“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.”

Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689

“At the consequence of his fall into a state of sin, man has lost his ability to will the performance of any of those works, spiritually good, that accompany salvation. As a natural (unspiritual) man he is dead in sin and altogether opposed to that which is good. Hence he is not able, by any strength of his own, to turn himself to God, or even to prepare himself to turn to God.”

Bible Church Doctrinal Statement (2003)

“We believe that Adam was created by God in His image, free of sin. Adam was tempted and committed the sin of disobedience to the revealed will and Word of God. Because of Adam's sin, man lost his innocence; inherited original sin; incurred the penalty of spiritual and physical death; became subject to the wrath of God; and became inherently corrupt and totally incapable of choosing or doing that which is acceptable to God apart from divine grace and the ministry of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 11:32

“For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.”

Galatians 3:22

“But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.”

The Depravity of Man

- 1) The Character of the Depraved

Isaiah 64:6

“For all of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment.”

I Corinthians 2:14

“But a natural man does not accept the things of the
Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he
cannot understand them, because they are spiritually
appraised.”

I Corinthians 2:15-16

“But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.”

Isaiah 53:6

“All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way.”

The Depravity of Man

- 1) The Character of the Depraved
- 2) The Conversation of the Depraved

Psalm 5:9

“There is nothing reliable in what they say; their inward part is destruction itself. Their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.”

Matthew 23:27

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness.”

Matthew 12:34-35

“You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil.”

Psalm 140:1-3

“Rescue me, O LORD, from evil men; preserve me from violent men who devise evil things in their hearts; they continually stir up wars. They sharpen their tongues as a serpent; poison of a viper is under their lips.”

Psalm 10:7

“His mouth is full of curses and deceit and oppression; under his tongue is mischief and wickedness.”

The Depravity of Man

- 1) The Character of the Depraved
- 2) The Conversation of the Depraved
- 3) The Conduct of the Depraved

Isaiah 59:7-8

“Their feet run to evil, and they hasten to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity, devastation and destruction are in their highways. They do not know the way of peace, and there is no justice in their tracks; they have made their paths crooked, whoever treads on them does not know peace.”

Proverbs 1:7

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge.”

Proverbs 9:10

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

Proverbs 16:6

“By lovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for,
and by the fear of the LORD one keeps away from evil.”

Luke 19:10

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that
which was lost.”