

“The Doctrines of Grace”
Total Depravity and Total Inability

Total Depravity or Total Inability – is man’s inability to come to a knowledge of saving faith apart from God’s grace and intervention because of the depth of his own sin.

- Total Depravity does not mean that men are as wicked as they possibly can be
- But it means that sin has permeated the totality of man

Is “free will” (with regard to salvation) a biblical word? (I.E. Is it in the Bible?) _____

Does the Bible say man has “free will”? _____

Explain this statement: “Man has the *freedom* to choose Christ, but he does not have the *ability* to choose Christ.”

“Man’s Condition in His Lost State”

#1 – Man in His Lost Condition Believes the Gospel is _____ (1 Cor. 1:18; 23)

#2 – Man in His Lost Condition Cannot Understand the Things of the _____ because He Does Not Have the _____ (1 Cor. 2:14)

Why can’t the lost understand the things of the Spirit? (1 Cor. 2:14b)

#3 – Man in His Lost Condition is _____ to God (Rom. 8:7-9)

#4 – Man in His Lost Condition is _____ by Satan (2 Cor. 4:3,4)

#5 – Man in His Lost Condition is _____ from God and _____ seek God (Rom. 3:10-18)

Fill in the Blanks (cf. Rom. 3:10-18):

- 1) There is _____ righteous, not even one (v. 10)
- 2) There is _____ who understand (v. 11)
- 3) There is _____ who seeks for God (v. 11)
- 4) _____ have turned aside, together they have become useless (v. 12)
- 5) There is _____ who does good (v. 12)
- 6) There is _____ (v. 12)
- 7) There is _____ of God before their eyes (v. 18)

Is man neutral on the subject of God? _____

In our natural state - can we understand God? _____

Apart from God's intervention - would we seek God? _____

So, What is preventing man's will from being "free"? _____

NOTE: Man has "free choice." He has the freedom to choose Christ. But man's will is in bondage to sin such that (apart from God's intervention) it is never "free."

#6 – Man in His Lost Condition is Spiritually _____ (Eph. 2:1-3)

What decision do dead people make?

What must happen for a dead person to be "made alive"?

What does Eph. 2:4-5 say that God did for "would-be believers"?

Give the references showing that the Bible says that God gives man "faith" and "repentance":

- "Faith" - _____
- "Repentance" - _____

By whose will are men saved? (cf. John 1:12-13) _____