

# Are men *totally* depraved? Is every faculty of the person corrupted?

## His inability to Understand the Gospel

- **1 Corinthians 2:14** - *“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”*
- **1 Corinthians 1:18-31** - *“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”*

## Heart/Mind (Deceitful)

- **Jeremiah 17:9** - *“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?”*
  - **Titus 1:15-16** - *to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.*
  - **Ecclesiastes 9:3** - *Also, the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.*
  - **Romans 1:28-31** - *And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were... foolish*
  - **Ephesians 4:17-18** - *you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.*
  - **Jeremiah 10:7-8,14** - *among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you. They are both stupid and foolish... Every man is stupid and without knowledge*
  - **Matthew 15:19** - *“For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.”* (c.f. Mark 7:21-23)
  - **Genesis 6:5 & 8:21** - *The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually...from his youth.*
  - **Proverbs 10:20** - *the heart of the wicked is of little worth.*
  - **Proverbs 28:26** - *Whoever trusts in his own [heart] is a fool*
- c.f. Deuteronomy 29:2-4; Psalm 10:4, 36:1-2, 58:4-5, 94:11; Proverbs 10:20; Ecclesiastes 8:11; Ezekiel 11:19, 36:26; Matthew 13:14; Mark 7:21-23; Romans 8:7; Ephesians 4:17-18, 23

## Will/Choosing (Enslaved)

- **John 8:34** - *Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.”*
- **2 Peter 2:19** - *They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.*
- **Titus 3:3** - *For 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.*

- **Galatians 4:8-9** - Formerly, when you did not know God, *you were enslaved* to those that by nature are not gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose *slaves* you want to be once more?
- **Romans 6:6,16,17,19,20** - We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be *enslaved to sin*. Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, *you are slaves of the one whom you obey...*? But thanks be to God, that you who were once *slaves of sin* have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed... For just as you once presented your members as *slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness*, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. *For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.*
- **Romans 7:14** - For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, *sold under sin.*
- **2 Timothy 2:25-26** - God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after *being captured by him to do his will.*

c.f. Isaiah 42:6-7; Psalm 51:12; John 8:31-32,36; 2 Corinthians 3:17

### Affections/Desires (Perverted)

- **Romans 1:24-27** - Therefore *God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity*, to the dishonouring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. For this reason *God gave them up to dishonourable passions*. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.
- **Ephesians 2:3** - we all once lived *in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind*, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
- **Proverbs 21:10** - The soul of the wicked *desires evil*
- **John 3:19** - And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and *people loved the darkness rather than the light* because their works were evil.
- **John 8:44** - "You are of your father the devil, and *your will is to do your father's desires.*"

c.f. Genesis 3:16; Psalm 4:2, 52:3-4 140:8; Proverbs 10:23; 2 Timothy 3:2-4; 2 Peter 2:13

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- **Titus 1:15-16** - to the defiled and unbelieving, *nothing is pure*; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.
- **Romans 7:18** - For I know that *nothing good dwells in me*, that is, in my flesh.
- **Isaiah 1:5-6** - *The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint*. From the sole of the foot even to the head, *there is no soundness in it*, but bruises and sores and raw wounds; they are not pressed out or bound up or softened with oil.