

## “IS MANKIND TOTALLY DEPRAVED?”

### A. INTRODUCTION TO GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY & MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY

### B. IS MANKIND TOTALLY DEPRAVED?

#### 1. The ORIGIN of MAN and SIN

a) The eternally and \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ created all things (Gen. 1:1; Ex. 3:14) according to His \_\_\_\_\_ will (Dan. 4:35; Rev. 4:11).

b) Mankind was originally created in the \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 1:26-31)

c) Sinless mankind was created with a \_\_\_\_\_ and yet with \_\_\_\_\_ established by God. (Gen. 2:16-17)

*\* Where did sin originate in the universe and human race?*

d) Adam and Eve's sin resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ and a new inclination \_\_\_\_\_ God. (Gen. 3:6-8, 10, 12-13)

e) God took the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ fallen man. (Gen. 3:9, 21-24)

*\* How did Adam and Eve respond?*

#### 2. The EXTENT and EFFECTS of Human Sin

*The depravity or corruption of man due to sin is “total” because . . .*

a) . . . it is \_\_\_\_\_ among mankind. (Gen. 6:5; 11-12; Eccl. 7:20; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:9-19)

b) . . . every descendant of Adam (except Christ) is a sinner by \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 7:17-18, 20-21), \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 5:12-19), and \_\_\_\_\_ choice (Rom. 3:23).

*\* What response does this elicit from God? (Jn. 3:36; Rom. 3:19; Gal. 3:22; Eph. 2:3; 5:6)*

- c) . . . it extends to man's very \_\_\_\_\_ . (Eph. 2:1-3; 4:17-19)
- d) . . . it begins at the very moment of \_\_\_\_\_ . (Gen. 8:21; Ps. 51:5, 58:3; Isa. 48:8)
- e) . . . man is essentially and unchangeably \_\_\_\_\_ apart from God's grace. (Jer. 17:9; Mk. 7:20-23)
- f) . . . man is completely incapable of \_\_\_\_\_ himself (Jn. 1:13; Eph. 2:4-5; Col. 2:13; Jam. 1:18) or doing any \_\_\_\_\_ that can \_\_\_\_\_ salvation from God (Isa. 64:6; Rom. 8:6-7; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7).

*\* Does all of this mean that man is as bad as he could possibly be? (Matt. 5:43-47; Lk. 11:13; Isa. 64:6)*

*\* What is God's gracious remedy to all of this?*

### **3. The Gracious PRE-SALVATION WORK of GOD**

- a) Apart from God's gracious pre-salvation work of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ mankind, no one would believe in Christ and be saved. (Gen. 6:3; Matt. 16:17; Luke 10:21-22; John 1:9; 3:27; 6:44, 65; 12:32; 16:8-11; Acts 16:14; 18:27)
- b) This is not the same as the Calvinist teaching that regeneration \_\_\_\_\_ faith.

*\* How does Calvinism misinterpret the concepts of death, slavery, and creation?*

### **4. The IMAGE of GOD and the WILL of MAN**

- a) Though the image of God (including the will) has been \_\_\_\_\_ due to sin, it has not been \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 9:6; 1 Cor. 11:7; Jam. 3:9)
- b) As a result of retaining God's image and His gracious pre-salvation work, mankind is capable of responsibly exercising his volition by \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. (Luke 8:15; John 5:38-40; 7:17; Acts 10:1-11:18; Rev. 22:17)

*\* But what about Rom. 3:11 and seeking God?*