

The Blueprint: What We Believe and Why Total Depravity

Austin Rammell's definition of the doctrine of depravity answers three key questions about what the Bible teaches on the subject.

(1) Why are we totally depraved? – “Because Adam disobeyed God, Adam and all of humanity with him were condemned by _____ to exist in the curse of sin ...” (Romans 5:12-14, 16-21)

(2) What does it mean to be totally depraved?

A. “ ... condemned by God to exist in the curse of sin that leaves us _____ dead ...” (Ephesians 2:1-3)

B. “and thus incapable of achieving or sustaining the abiding _____ we were created to have with God, one another, and ourselves.” (Romans 3:10-20, 23, Galatians 2:20; 3:1-3)

(3) Does total depravity mean we are incapable of any good at all? - “Although humanity is capable of good as defined by human standards, we are nonetheless spiritually dead and, as such, incapable of good as defined by the righteous standard of _____.” (Isaiah 64:6, Matthew 5:20, Romans 1:20)

CHALLENGE: Are you living in the truly depraved _____ that you can earn salvation and favor from God? (Isaiah 6:5-7, Luke 23:40-43)