

Total Depravity

Introduction:

- 1) Westminster Confession of Faith.
- 2) The Heidelberg Catechism
- 3) Historical Context:

Preamble: The importance of understanding this Biblical concept:

A. Total Depravity: A closer look....

1. What this does not mean:
2. What this does mean:

B. The Biblical data: Man has both a legal problem and a personal problem;

Legally

- a) right motive
- b) right end in view:
- c) right guidelines This is why Isaiah says “all our righteousness’s are as filthy rags”.

Personally: Man’s entire being is depraved.

1. The Mind is corrupted.
2. The Affections are corrupted.
3. The Will is corrupted.

The London Confession

C. The metaphors used:

1. New Creation:
2. New Birth:
3. Resurrection

D. Common Grace, an Introduction

1) The General Definition

2) A closer look

3) The Nature of Common Grace:

a) Restraint

(1) Restraint upon sin:

(2) Restraint upon Divine Wrath:

(3) Restraint upon Evil:

b) Bestowal of Good and Excitation to Good:

(1) Creation is the recipient of divine bounty.

(2) Unregenerate men are recipients of divine favor and goodness:

(3) Good is attributed to unregenerate men:

(4) Unregenerate men receive operations and influences of the Spirit -

(5) The institution of civil government is for the purpose of restraining evil and promoting good in the whole body politic.

4. The Purpose of Common Grace:

-The Practical Lessons