



Doctrine: Man, Sin, & Total Depravity  
From sermon 11.10.19

Read *Romans 5:12-17*

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: after Satan's fall, he headed straight to Eden to destroy man and man's relationship with God. Man was/is God's highest crown of creation—created for fellowship and communion. When Adam fell, it affected the entire human race, forever. And, all of creation was corrupted by sin unto destruction. The infection of sin is total—there remains no island of good or neutrality within man to repent and choose God.

How would you define sin? \_\_\_\_\_

How does the Bible define sin? \_\_\_\_\_

See *1 John 3:4*

How does the world/culture define sin? \_\_\_\_\_

See *Isaiah 5:20-21 & Romans 1:18-25 & 26-32*

It was brought up, on Sunday, that the Bible is divided into two parts. Usually we divide it by the Old Testament and New Testament. But, another way to view it is:

- Creation and everything up to Genesis 3 (2 chapters)
- Everything after it = God's saga of redeeming man/creation (1,187 chapters)

What tactic(s) did the devil use to deceive Eve? Made her question the Word of God. Appealed to her flesh, her eyes, and her pride.

Compare these three passages and discuss:

- Genesis 3:1-6—
- Luke 4:3-12—
- 1 John 2:16—

Read through the pronounced curse(s) in Genesis 3. List the consequences and discuss the many other evils that grew out of these. See *Genesis 3:9-19 & 20-24*.

- Separation from God & Loss of Eden—guilt, futility, emptiness, false gods, worship and serving of self
- Woman's Sorrow, Pain in Labor, Desire for Husband, & Subjection to Husband—conflict between the sexes. From then on, man dominated world/culture. Submissiveness.
- Work a Cursed Ground with No Guarantee of Produce—natural disasters, animal kingdom turned on man, sun and environment is damaging life, ...
- Conflict with Others—hate, power struggle, crime, war, divorce, ...
- Subjected to the Enemy's Sting & Control—under his control, fear, lack of assurance
- Death—Physical & Spiritual—everyone dies = Diseases, cancer, infirmities, conditions, disorders. All born spiritually dead
- Judgment & Hell—separation permanent. Price must be paid for sin. Eternal Torment

What is the doctrine of Total Depravity? All mankind utterly sinful and no island of good or neutrality remains. We cannot choose God. Will not choose God. Must be resurrected first.

What does it NOT mean? In life, not as evil as we could be at all times. God placed restraints

What is the opposing view of Depravity (Arminianism)? Man, at the core, has some good and can choose (free will) God given the right conditions, words, invitation.