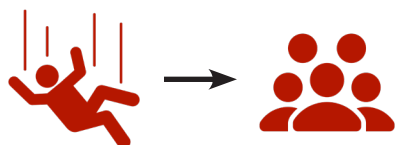


INHERITED DEPRAVITY AND ORIGINAL SIN

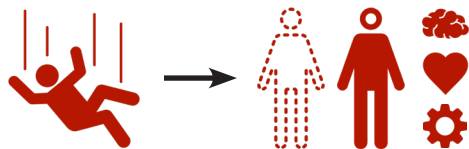
Because of Adam's fall, everyone is born with a human nature that is in a corrupt and sinful condition.



Rom. 5:12
Ps. 51:5
Jer. 17:9

TOTAL DEPRAVITY

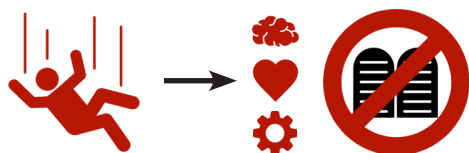
Human nature is corrupted in all parts (totally): body and soul, with all its faculties—mind, affections, and will.



Gen. 6:5
Gen. 8:21
Eph. 2:3

TOTAL INABILITY AND BONDAGE OF THE WILL

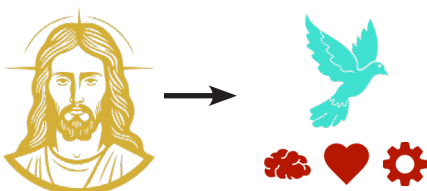
In its natural, corrupt state, the human will is bound by sin and unable to initiate faith in God or do any good thing.



Rom. 8:7
Eph. 2:1
John 6:44

PREVENIENT GRACE AND THE INITIATION OF FAITH

God's grace is poured out upon all people, enabling them to yield to further grace, and initiating faith.



John 12:32
John 1:9
Titus 2:11

"In a lapsed [fallen] and sinful state without divine assistance, humanity is not able to think, will or do that which is truly good"; "I ascribe to grace the beginning, the continuance, and the consummation of all good." (Jacob Arminius)

"[Heathens are] wholly ignorant of the entire depravation of the whole human nature, of every man born into the world, in every faculty of his soul. ... To love God! it is far above, out of our sight. We cannot, naturally, attain unto it." (John Wesley)

Ministry Implications

- Prioritize the means of grace
- Preach the gospel constantly
- Recenter the Lord's Supper
- Pray, pray, pray! (and fast)
- Trust God to give the increase

Avoid Saying

- "If you will take the first step/ make the first move, God will do the rest/come running to you."
- "God's done his part, now he's waiting for you to do your part."
- "It's all up to you."
- "The decision is all yours."

Emphasize Instead

- "Don't resist God's grace."
- "Yield to God's grace."
- "Surrender to God's work."
- "Let God have his way with you."