

- Total Depravity
- Unconditional Election
- Limited Atonement
- Irrresistible Grace
- Perseverance of the Saints

Radical Depravity (Total Depravity)

Preliminary Thoughts:

- Packer's One Point: GOD SAVES SINNERS
- The Canons of Dort and the Image of God

What is Radical Depravity?

"The whole of our being has been affected by sin." - *David Steele*

"Man's natural condition apart from any grace exerted by God to restrain or transform man." - *John Piper*

"Man, by his fall into a state of sin, hath wholly lost all ability of will to any spiritual good accompanying salvation; so as a natural man, being altogether averse from good, and dead in sin, is not able, by his own strength, to convert himself, or to prepare himself thereunto."
– *Westminster Confession of Faith, 9.3*

Therefore all men are conceived in sin, and are by nature children of wrath, incapable of saving good, prone to evil,¹ dead in sin,² and in bondage thereto;³ and without the regenerating grace of the Holy Spirit,⁴ they are neither able nor willing to return to God, to reform the depravity of their nature, or to dispose themselves to reformation.

– *The Canons of Dort*

Is it Biblical?

1) We all are _____

- a. Romans. 3:9-11; 18; 23
- b. I Kings 8:46; Prov. 20:9

2) We all are _____ with a _____.

- a. Rom. 5: 12-19; Psalm 51:5; 58:3
- b. Original Sin – We sin because we are sinners

3) We all are _____ of _____.

- a. Gen. 6:5; 8:21
- b. Not Able Not to Sin

4) We all are _____

- a. Eph. 2:1-3
- b. Spiritually Unable
 - i. To Understand – 1 Cor. 2:14
 - ii. To Respond – Rom. 8:7
 - iii. To Change – Jer. 13:23

Why is it important?

- Informs our Prayer, Evangelism, Parenting, etc.
- God gets all of the glory

Recommended Resources:

J.I. Packer, "Introductory Essay," in *The Death of Death in the Death of Christ*, by John Owen.

David Steele, Curtis Thomas, Lance Quinn, *The Five Points of Calvinism*.

John Piper, *Five Points*.

Mark Jones, *Knowing Sin*.