

Message Notes

Total Depravity

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – Party like it's 1517!!

A new sub-series:
"Seven Flames that were rekindled"

Who is John Calvin and a (very!) short history of TULIP

Today's message:
Total Depravity:

Tainted Image Bearers in Need of a Savior

A Theology of Total Depravity

How Sin Entered the World

Genesis 3:1-24

From Birth?
Psalm 51:5

New Testament views on Sin
Romans 1:18-25

Ephesians 2:1-3

Our NEED (and God's response) of a Savior
Ephesians 2:4-5

see also - Hebrews 10:11-25

Implications of Total Depravity

1. We NEED Jesus
2. Nothing is the way it should be
3. The American Prosperity Gospel
4. How we relate to the rest of the world
5. Our need of one another
(Hebrews 3:12-13)

Gospel Application - *Do you acknowledge your helplessness and hopelessness without Christ? How does that play out in your relationships with others?*

Genesis 3

Psalms 51:5

Surely I was sinful from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Romans 1:18-25

¹⁸The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. ²⁴Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

Ephesians 2:1-5

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

¹¹Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy... ¹⁹Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 3:12-13

¹²See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.