

# Total Depravity Pt. 3

## Romans 8:6–8 (NKJV)

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## Introduction

When Adam was created in the Garden of Eden, before the fall in sin. Adam was free not to sin. He had the ability to not sin. He could live a truly righteous life.

But He also had the ability to sin

His will was free to do Good or Evil.

He chose to sin....

Now after the Fall He is only able to sin.

He is unable to do true righteousness.

He is free from the ability to do good.

His Will is not bound in desire for evil

John Piper wrote,

“As soon as Adam fell into sin, human nature was profoundly altered. Now man was not able *not* to sin. In the fall, human nature lost its freedom not to sin.”

When we are saved... our nature is radically changed again. We are no longer able only to sin. We are not able to do good.....and bad.

Romans 6:20–22 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

<sup>22</sup> But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

Some have argued that as a lost person, I can to good and evil. I do have the ability not to sin.

Matthew 6:24 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

As a lost person we are slaves to sin cannot be a slave of righteousness too.

## John 3:1–8 (NKJV)

**3** There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, “**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**”

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.** <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

## 1 John 5:1 (NKJV)

**5** Whoever believes (pres part) that Jesus is the Christ is (Prf.pass.Ind) born of God, and everyone

who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

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1 John 5:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> For whatever is born (prf pass. pt) of God overcomes (P.A.I) the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

1 John 2:29 (NKJV)

<sup>29</sup> If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices (P.A.Pt) righteousness is born (Pf.pass.Ind.) of Him.

1 John 3:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> Whoever has been born (pf.p.pt) of God does (P.A.I) not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot(P.M.I) sin, because he has been born(Pf.P.I) of God.

John 1:11–13 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

<sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who

believe in His name: <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

## **Pelagianism**

is a heterodox Christian theological position which holds that the original sin did not taint human nature and that humans have the free will to achieve human perfection without divine grace.

## **Semi-Pelagianism**

Argues that with God's help, through a prevenient grace, God enables all to men to be brought to point, they the are alive enough to believe and repent on there own.

In other words, God jump starts the process and then leaves it up to you to self determine if you come and believe in Christ.

The main proof text for this doctrine is

John 12:32 (NKJV)

<sup>32</sup> *And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."*

Is this verse saying,  
that Christ will draw all men to a point that they  
then are able to decide on there on to believe or not.

**No and the reason are:**

1. The “all” in the context is referring to the Greeks  
that are present, not every single human who ever  
lived.

**John 12:20-23 (NKJV)**

<sup>20</sup> Now there were certain Greeks among those  
who came up to worship at the feast.

<sup>21</sup> Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida  
of Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Sir, we wish to  
see Jesus.”

<sup>22</sup> Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew  
and Philip told Jesus.

So now Jesus is aware of the Greeks seeking him.  
And he says, that he will draw, not only Jews but  
Greeks

2. The word “draw” in this context refers to the complete work of salvation and not a prevenient work to get it started and then let man finish it.

The other time is used this way is in

**John 6:44** (NKJV)

<sup>44</sup> No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

The drawing brings one to salvation completely and they will be resurrected the last day.

Other non salvific uses of this word show that it is not a partial drawing. it is complete.

**John 18:10** (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

**John 21:11** (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken.

**Acts 16:19 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged *them* into the marketplace to the authorities.

**Acts 21:30 (NKJV)**

<sup>30</sup> And all the city was disturbed; and the people ran together, seized Paul, and dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut.

**James 2:6 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts?

3. Since the word draw is clearly a completed work of salvation, then the “all” in John 12 cannot mean all men absolutely or we would have all men saved. And Universalism is not true.

**Lesson****I. The Expression**

Dead

Blind



# Bound

## II. The Extent

1. OUR BODIES ARE AFFECTED BY SIN
2. OUR HEARTS ARE AFFECTED BY SIN
3. OUR MINDS ARE AFFECTED BY SIN
4. OUR EMOTIONS ARE AFFECTED BY SIN
5. OUR CONSCIENCES ARE AFFECTED BY SIN.
6. OUR WILLS ARE AFFECTED BY SIN

## III. The Effect

The Effect can be summed up with one Word

### **Bondage**

John 8:31–34 (NKJV)

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. <sup>32</sup> And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

<sup>33</sup> They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

Of the 400 plus volumes of books that Martin Luther wrote. He said that the one book other than the catechism that was worth keeping was the one he wrote on the bondage of the will.

He knew that the entire understand of the marvelous and miraculous work of salvation and ones understanding of Grace depended fully upon your understanding of the bondage of the will.

If men have the ability of self determination to be the main cause, or reason they are ultimately saved, then the true nature of grace is removed and the glory of man is elevated and the praise of God is diminished.

In other words,

Are you the ultimate and decisive factor that determined that you chose or believed in Christ.  
or

When you get to heaven will you say that God did all that he could do...Coming and dying and drawing me as far as he could, but in the end, I made the choice, I am the final and ultimate reason why I am here..

- 1. Bondage to Guilt and Condemnation.**
- 2. Bondage of Love for Evil and Sin and Darkness**
- 3. Bondage to the hatred for Gods Supremacy**
- 4. Bondage to Deadness in Sin**
- 5. Bondage to Blindness to the Glory of Christ**

## **1. Bondage to Guilt and Condemnation.**

Romans 3:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Romans 3:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

Galatians 3:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "*Cursed is everyone*

*who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”*

Romans 5:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Romans 5:18–19 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, ...<sup>19</sup> For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners,...

John 3:18 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned (Prf. pass) already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

## **2. Bondage of Love for Evil and Sin and Darkness**

John 3:19–20 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

You cannot enjoy as sweet what taste bitter to you.

We are not forced to do this against our will, this is our will.

This is the root of the will issue. Men have a free will but their will, will only work within the context of their loves and hates. What they love they will pursue. What they hate they will avoid.

This is also what makes men responsible before God to believe when they are unable to.

They are unable to come to Christ and believe in Christ because of their love for sin and their hatred of holiness and God.

They are not being held against their will so that they cannot come,  
rather  
they will not come because that is their will.

God is calling them out of sin and darkness, but they love their sin so much they are bound by it.

John 5:44 (NKJV)

<sup>44</sup> How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that *comes* from the only God?

### 3. Bondage to the hatred of Gods Supremacy

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<sup>6</sup> For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. <sup>7</sup> Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. <sup>8</sup> So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

**mindset** n. — a habitual or characteristic mental attitude that determines how you will interpret and respond to situations.

In class. times we find the adj. φρόνιμος “understanding,” and the two verbal nouns φρόνημα “thought,” also “disposition,” and φρόνησις “thinking,” “reason,” “cleverness” etc. φρένες retains for the most part the less precise sense of “inner attitude.”

Bertram, G. (1964–). [φρόνιμ, ἄφροον, ἀφροσύνη, φρονέω, φρόνημα, φρόνησις, φρόνιμος](#). G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich (Eds.), *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* (electronic ed., Vol. 9, p. 221). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

**hostility (state) n.** — a state of deep-seated ill-will.

Luke 23:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other.

Galatians 5:19–20 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

Ephesians 2:14–17 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, <sup>15</sup> having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, <sup>16</sup> and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the

enmity. <sup>17</sup> And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

James 4:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

**qeri: opposition, contrariness**

**Original Word:** קִרְיָ

**Part of Speech:** Noun Masculine

**Transliteration:** qeri

**Phonetic Spelling:** (ker-ee')

**Definition:** opposition, contrariness

**Leviticus 26:1 (NKJV)**

**26** ‘You shall not make idols for yourselves;  
neither a carved image nor a *sacred* pillar shall  
you rear up for yourselves;  
nor shall you set up an engraved stone in your  
land, to bow down to it;  
for I *am* the Lord your God.



Leviticus 26:2–3 (NKJV)

- <sup>2</sup> You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary:  
I *am* the Lord.
- <sup>3</sup> ‘If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and perform them,

Leviticus 26:4–6 (NKJV)

- <sup>4</sup> then I will give you rain in its season, the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.
- <sup>5</sup> Your threshing shall last till the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last till the time of sowing; you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.
- <sup>6</sup> I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none will make *you* afraid;  
I will rid the land of evil beasts,  
and the sword will not go through your land.

Leviticus 26:11–12 (NKJV)

- <sup>11</sup> I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you.
- <sup>12</sup> I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.

### Leviticus 26:14–17 (NKJV)

- <sup>14</sup> ‘But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments,  
<sup>15</sup> and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, *but* break My covenant,  
<sup>16</sup> I also will do this to you:  
I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart.  
And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.  
<sup>17</sup> I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies.  
Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you.

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### Leviticus 26:21–24 (NKJV)

- <sup>21</sup> ‘Then, if you walk **contrary** to Me, and are not willing to obey Me, I will bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your sins.

<sup>22</sup> I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you few in number; and your highways shall be desolate.

<sup>23</sup> ‘And if by these things you are not reformed by Me, but walk **contrary** to Me,

<sup>24</sup> then I also will walk **contrary** to you, and I will punish you yet seven times for your sins.

**ebah: enmity**

**Original Word:** אִיְבָהּ

**Part of Speech:** Noun Feminine

**Transliteration:** ebah

**Phonetic Spelling:** (ay-baw')

**Definition:** enmity

**Genesis 3:14–15 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> So the Lord God said to the serpent:

“Because you have done this,  
You *are* cursed more than all cattle,  
And more than every beast of the field;  
On your belly you shall go,  
And you shall eat dust  
All the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> And I will put **enmity**

Between you and the woman,  
 And between your seed and her Seed;  
 He shall bruise your head,  
 And you shall bruise His heel.”

### **Numbers 35:20–24 (NKJV)**

<sup>20</sup> If he pushes him out of hatred or, while lying in wait, hurls something at him so that he dies, <sup>21</sup> or in **enmity** he strikes him with his hand so that he dies, the one who struck *him* shall surely be put to death. He *is* a murderer. The avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death when he meets him.

<sup>22</sup> ‘However, if he pushes him suddenly **without enmity**, or throws anything at him without lying in wait, <sup>23</sup> or uses a stone, by which a man could die, throwing *it* at him without seeing *him*, so that he dies, while he was not his enemy or seeking his harm, <sup>24</sup> then the congregation shall judge between the manslayer and the avenger of blood according to these judgments.

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## 4. Bondage to Deadness in Sin

### Ephesians 2:1–5 (NKJV)

*By Grace Through Faith*

**2** And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

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**2** in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now **works** in the sons of disobedience,

**works** ενεργέο: to be at work, to work, to do

**Original Word:** ενεργέω

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** ενεργέο

**Phonetic Spelling:** (en-erg-eh'-o)

**Definition:** to be at work, to work, to do

**Usage:** I work, am operative, am at work, am made to work, accomplish; mid: I work, display activity.

1754 energéō (from 1722 /en, "engaged in," which intensifies 2041 /érgon, "work") – properly, energize,

working in a situation which brings it from one stage (point) to the next, like an electrical current energizing a wire, bringing it to a shining light bulb.

<sup>3</sup> among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the **lusts** of our flesh, fulfilling the **desires** (will) of the flesh and of the **mind**, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

**mind**, diánoia (from 1223 /diá, "thoroughly, from side-to-side," which intensifies 3539 /noiéō, "to use the mind," from 3563 /noús, "mind") – properly, movement from one side (of an issue) to the other to reach balanced-conclusions; full-orbed reasoning (= critical thinking), i.e. dialectical thinking that literally reaches "across to the other side" (of a matter).

## nature phusis: nature

**Original Word:** φύσις, εως, ἥ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

**Transliteration:** phusis

**Phonetic Spelling:** (foo'-sis)

**Definition:** nature

**Usage:** nature, inherent nature, origin, birth.

5449 phýsis – properly, inner nature, the underlying constitution or make-up of someone (something).

<sup>4</sup> But God, who is (being, eimi p.part) rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

## 5. Bondage to Blindness to the Glory of Christ

1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> But the natural man does not receive **the things** of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> **These things we** also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but **which the Holy Spirit teaches**, comparing **spiritual things** with spiritual.

1 Corinthians 2:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that **we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.**

1 Corinthians 2:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows **the things of God** except the Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 2:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> But God has **revealed them** to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches **all things, yes, the deep things of God.**

The the things, he is talking about are the things of God, and more specifically the mystery of God concerning Christ, the Gospel

1 Corinthians 2:1–5 (NKJV)



**2** And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. **2** For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. **3** I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

**4** And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5** that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV)

**14** But the natural man **does not receive** the things of the Spirit of God, **for** they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

**does not receive**

**dechomai: to receive**

**Original Word:** δέχομαι

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** dechomai

**Phonetic Spelling:** (dekh'-om-ahee)

**Definition:** to receive

**Usage:** I take, receive, accept, welcome.

**1209 déxomai – properly, to receive in a welcoming (receptive) way.** **1209** (déxomai) is used of people welcoming God (His offers), like

receiving and sharing in His salvation (1 Thes 2:13) and thoughts (Eph 6:17).

**for** they are (P.A.I) foolishness

**mória: foolishness**

**Original Word:** μωρία, ας, ἡ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

**Transliteration:** mória

**Phonetic Spelling:** (mo-ree'-ah)

**Definition:** foolishness

**Usage:** folly, absurdity, foolishness.

Cognate: 3472 mōría (from 3474 /mōrós) – folly; literally, dull (lacking sharpness).

**for** Original Word: γάρ

This explains why they don't receive the things of God.

They believe they are foolish. You cannot accept something as wise and truthful if you believe it is foolish.

**1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, **for** they are foolishness to him;

nor **can** he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

## **can**

dunamai: Pres. Middle Ind

to be able, to have power

**Original Word:** δύναμαι

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** dunamai

**Phonetic Spelling:** (doo'-nam-ahee)

**Definition:** to be able, to have power

**Usage:** (a) I am powerful, have (the) power, (b) I am able, I can.

## discerned.

**anakrinó: to examine, investigate**

**Original Word:** ἀνακρίνω

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** anakrinó

**Phonetic Spelling:** (an-ak-ree'-no)

**Definition:** to examine, investigate

**Usage:** I examine, inquire into, investigate, question.

350 anakrínō (from 303 /aná, "up, completing a process," which intensifies 2919 /krínō, "to select by separating/judging") – properly, to distinguish by vigorously judging "down to up," i.e. **closely examining (investigating) through "the process of careful study, evaluation and judgment"** (L & N, 1, 27.44); "to examine, investigate, question (so J. B. Lightfoot, Notes, 181f).

## **2 Corinthians 4:1–5 (NKJV)**

**4** Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup> But even if (1st class) our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup> whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. <sup>5</sup> For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.