Total Depravity pt 2

Romans 8:7-8

Romans 8:6-8 (NKJV)

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

Introduction

These 2 verses (v 7,8) speak in absolutes.

- 1. v 7 the carnal mind is enmity against God no verb just the carnal mind=hostility toward God.
- 2.v 7 for it is not subject to the law of God

hypotássō Pres. Tense ——————-

(from 5259 /hypó, "under" and 5021 /tássō, "arrange") – properly, "under God's arrangement," i.e. submitting to the Lord (His plan).

It is not simply being slightly uncooperative; it is downright hostility

The reason is not circumstantial
The reason is not experiential
The reason is convenience
The reason is not educational
The reason is not subjective.
IT is objective
It is his nature.

HE can't just like he can't fly, He can't breath water

He can't resurrect himself from the dead.

It stated in #3

3. for it is not subject to the law of God, <u>nor indeed can</u> be

dunamai: 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.

Cognate: 1410 dýnamai (a primitive verb) – to show ability (power); able (enabled by God), empowered. See the cognate-noun, 1411 /dýnamis ("ability, power").

Words deriving from the stem $\delta u v \alpha$ - all have the basic meaning of "being able," of "capacity" in virtue of an ability;

Grundmann, W. (1964–). <u>δύναμαι, δυνατός, δυνατέω, ἀδύνατος, ἀδυνατέω, δύναμις, δυνάστης, δυναμόω, ἐνδυναμόω</u>. G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich (Eds.), *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* (electronic ed., Vol. 2, p. 284). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

Matthew 3:9 (NKJV)

⁹ and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as *our* father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

Matthew 10:28 (NKJV)

²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 19:24-26 (NKJV)

²⁴ And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁵ When His disciples heard *it,* they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁶ But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

John 3:3 (NKJV)

³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Romans 8:38-39 (NKJV)

³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

there are 210 uses of this word in the NT

The mother is ask by the child, can I have a piece of candy. Mother says, I sure you can. but that is not the question. We know you are able

But the question is May I have a piece of candy.

This text says you CANNOT Obey the law of God.

4. 8 ... those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

those in the flesh, (lost) are unable absolutely to please God

This also means and rightly assumes that an unbeliever cannot have faith in God

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him,* for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

You must have faith to please him and the lost cannot please Him, hence they must not have faith.

With these very clear statements about mans inability and unwillingness to please God can we reconcile his responsibility to believe and repent.

Why would God ask or command a sinner to repent and believe and obey when He can't?

Isn't it unfair to command someone to do something you know they can't do.

How can God hold men responsible to believe in Christ, when it clearly states that He cannot submit. He cannot please God. NO matter what.

These questions and more are answer in a correct understanding of Biblical Anthropology and Biblical Harmartiology

How and to what degree is man affected by the fall

Just how fallen is he. Just how far did he fall.

Is he sick or is he dead
Is he blind or does he just need eyes glasses
Is he good or is he bad
If he's bad, how bad is he.
If he's good, how good is he.

Lesson

- I. The Expression
- **II. The Extent**
- III. The Effect

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I. The Expressions

- 1. Dead- spiritually Dead
- Blind—Perception and Understanding
- 3. Bondage- Desires and Will

1. Dead

This affects the Spiritual life

Ephesians 2:1

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

2. Blind

The affects the Mind and Understanding

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NKJV)

³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ 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.

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Acts 26:17-18 (NKJV)

as *from* the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, ¹⁸ to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

3. Bondage

This Affects the Desires and the Will

Romans 6:20-22 (NKJV)

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. ²² 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.

Titus 3:3 (NKJV)

³ For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and

pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

I. The Expression

II. The Extent

"Pelagius said man is good, Arminians say man is good and bad, Calvinist say man is bad, very bad. And God is mad, very mad."

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Its not just that all men are sinners but that all of man is sinful. Its not the universal sinfulness of man but rather that all parts of man are affected by sin.

We are not saying that all are Hitlers,

Not all sinners are as bad as they possibly can be but all have the potential to be far worse.

All our cups are full of sin but some have bigger cups.

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We are not saying that we are like rabid animal or Demon possessed

By the term Total Depravity, we mean that the very nature of man has been thoroughly affected by original sin, that every part of his being are under the control of sin.

"This Evil totally affects, infects and defects man. There is not a single part that has not been fatally infested. He is infected with the disease of sin from head to toe, inside and out, top to bottom. James Henley Thornwell said, "He is morally ulcerated from head to foot, he is one universal mass of gangrenous matter."

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"And from this unholy marsh, poisonous gases rise continually throughout our whole nature."

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This depravity rises from our nature. Who we are makes us what we are.

We are not sinners because we sin, but rather we sin because we are sinners. It comes from our nature.

1 Samuel 24:13 (NKJV)

¹³ As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Wickedness proceeds from the wicked.'...

Matthew 7:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your

Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

being P.A. Part eimi verb

Matthew 15:18–19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ But those things which <u>proceed out</u> of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. ¹⁹ <u>For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts</u>, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

proceed out Pres Midd/Pass Part

ekporeuomai: to make to go forth, to go forth

Original Word: ἐκπορεύομαι

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: ekporeuomai

Phonetic Spelling: (ek-por-yoo'-om-ahee)

Definition: to make to go forth, to go forth

Usage: I depart from; I am voided, cast out; I proceed from, am

spoken; I burst forth, flow out, am spread abroad

come from the heart

exerchetai
ἐξέρχεται
come forth
V-PIM/P-3S

Romans 7:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For I know (Pf.A.I.) that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells;

So to what extent has this sin affected us.

Just how much of us has been affected.

1. OUR BODIES ARE AFFECTED BY SIN

Immediately we learn that our bodies on the road to death.

Genesis 3:16-19 (NKJV)

¹⁶ To the woman He said:

"I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;

In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire *shall be* for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it':

"Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat *of* it All the days of your life.

- ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.
- ¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."

Romans 5:12 (NKJV)

12 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 6:23 (NKJV)

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

James 1:14-15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

The World is full of graves testifying to the truthfulness of the this reality.

Our Bodies are instruments of sin.

Romans 6:12–13 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.

Romans 7:23–24 (NKJV)

²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Calvin wrote,

"All the parts of our bodies are like kinds of weapons of sin and instruments of the devil uses to lead us to Hell. Everything—feet and hands, eyes and ears—is depraved and corrupted....For if our bodies are a pit of Abomination and iniquity, our souls are even more so."

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1. OUR BODIES ARE AFFECTED BY SIN

2. OUR HEARTS ARE AFFECTED BY SIN

Jeremiah 17:9 (NKJV)

9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?

Original Word: うう

Part of Speech: Noun Masculine

Transliteration: kOl

Phonetic Spelling: (kole)

Definition: the whole, all

above all in all manner, ye, altogether, any manner, enough,

every one, place, thing,

Or (Jer. 33:8) kowl {kole}; from kalal; properly, the whole; hence, all, any or every (in the singular only, but often in a plural sense) -- (in) all (manner, (ye)), altogether, any (manner), enough, every (one, place, thing), howsoever, as many as, (no-)thing, ought, whatsoever, (the) whole, whoso(-ever).

desperately wicked;

desperately wicked, incurable, sick, woeful

A primitive root; to be frail, feeble, or (figuratively) melancholy -- desperate(-ly wicked), incurable, sick, woeful.

Matthew 15:18–19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the **heart**, and they defile a man. ¹⁹ For out of the **heart** proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn stated, "Pride grows in the human heart like lard on a pig"

Ecclesiastes 9:3 (NKJV)

^{3...}that one thing *happens* to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness *is* in their hearts while they live,...

Hebrews 3:10–12 (NKJV)

- ¹⁰ Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, '<u>They always go astray in their heart</u>, And they have not known My ways.'
- 11 So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'"

12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

Jonathan Edwards wrote

"The heart is a viper, hissing and spitting poison at God."

"The heart is a sink of all manner of filthiness and abomination....a rendezvous of devils...a grave full of dead men's bones and crawling worms and all manner of nauseous putrefaction, an outdoor toilet of filthiness and abominable stench....

The devil takes up his aboded in the heart and fills it with darkness, with loathsome filth and defilement, with the smoke of the bottomless pit, and with the stink of the brimstone of hell.

The heart of man is as destitute of love to God as a dead stiff called corpse is of vital heat."

He look at his own heart and said

"when I look at my own heart and take a view of its wickedness it looks like an abyss infinitely deeper than hell."

"just as the body carries its own dung in its bowels so the Soul carries filthy wickedness in the heart.

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Proverbs 6:14 (NKJV)

14 Perversity *is* in his heart,
He devises evil continually,...

Of Israel God says Ezekiel 16:30 (NKJV)

30 "How degenerate is your heart!" says the Lord God, "seeing you do all these *things*, the deeds of a brazen harlot.

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- 3. OUR MINDS ARE AFFECTED BY SIN

If we were to make a distinction between the heart and the mind

we could say that the heart is the place of origin and the mind is the product.

our heart is evil therefore our mind, or thoughts are evil too.

Our heart is the base form which all operations are conducted.

The heart is the root and the mind, thinking is the fruit.

Proverbs 15:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the Lord,

But the words of the pure are pleasant.

Titus 1:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but **even their mind and conscience are defiled.**

1 Timothy 6:5 (NKJV)

⁵ useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a *means of* gain. From such withdraw yourself.

2 Timothy 3:8 (NKJV)

⁸ Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: **Men of corrupt minds**, disapproved concerning the faith;

Ephesians 4:17-18 (NKJV)

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,
18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;

Jeremiah 4:22 (NKJV)

²² "For My people *are* foolish,
They have not known Me.
They *are* silly children,
And they have no understanding.
They *are* wise to do evil,
But to do good they have no knowledge."

Romans 1:21-22 (NKJV)

²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:28 (NKJV)

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

James Ussher said

"if God said "think one good thought and for you shall go to heaven lost sinners could not even do that"

elsewhere he noted

"that even our unconscious dreams are affected by sin."

I would add that this is were the battle is

the heart and mind. We need a new heart and a new mind, or thinking process to be saved.

Ezekiel 11:17–20 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel." ' ¹⁸ And they will go there, and they will take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there. ¹⁹ Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰ that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

Ezekiel 36:22–27 (NKJV)

²² "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord God: "I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. ²³ And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord," says the Lord God, "when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. ²⁴ For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. 25 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

Psalm 51:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Jeremiah 32:37–40 (NKJV)

³⁷ Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. ³⁸ They shall be My people, and I will be their God; ³⁹ then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. ⁴⁰ And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.

2 Corinthians 10:3–6 (NKJV)

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, ⁶ and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Ephesians 4:17-24 (NKJV)

¹⁷ This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; ¹⁹ who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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- 2. OUR HEARTS ARE AFFECTED BY SIN
- 3. OUR MINDS ARE AFFECTED BY SIN

4. OUR EMOTIONS ARE AFFECTED BY SIN

our feelings passions and desires

2 Thessalonians 2:11–12 (NKJV)

¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Isaiah 66:3 (NKJV)

3Just as they have chosen their own ways, And their soul delights in their abominations,

Proverbs 2:12–14 (NKJV)

Godly wisdom and discernment will ...

- ¹² To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things,
- ¹³ From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness;
- ¹⁴ Who rejoice in doing evil,
 And delight in the perversity of the wicked;

Job 20:12 (NKJV)

12 "Though evil is sweet in his mouth, *And* he hides it under his tongue,

Romans 1:32 (NKJV)

³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also **approve** of those who practice them.

approve

suneudokeó: to join in approving

Original Word: συνευδοκέω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: suneudokeó

Phonetic Spelling: (soon-yoo-dok-eh'-o)

Definition: to join in approving

Usage: I consent, agree, am of one mind with, am

willing.

4909 syneudokéō (from 4862 /sýn, "identity with" and 2106 /eudokéō, "seems good") – properly, to consent in a "hearty" (personal) way, in keeping with the close identification involved (note the syn); enthusiastically agree to cooperate with a partner to reach solutions, i.e. to achieve the things both have committed to do together.

Arthur Pink said

"the sinner is free to do as he pleases but his pleasure is sin"

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Micheal Murphy observed,

"the corrupt nature of the emotions causes a man to hate what he should love or to express joy when he should mourn..."

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5. OUR CONSCIENCES ARE AFFECTED BY SIN.

We are all born with an sense of God and right and wrong.

Romans 2:14–15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵ who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between

themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*)

This is that inborn fence to keep us from going to far. To keep us from going head first into evil with no restraints.

But sin has dramatically affected even the conscience

Titus 1:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.

1 Timothy 4:2 (NKJV)

² speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

Hebrews 10:22 (NKJV)

²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Corrupt consciences make the discernment of good and evil impossible.

Isaiah 5:20-23 (NKJV)

- ²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
- ²¹ Woe to *those who are* wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!
- ²³ Who justify the wicked for a bribe, And take away justice from the righteous man!

The Conscience is not removed at the fall but it is corrupted.

It is no longer as effective as it could be and left to itself with the instruction from the law of God it will become more and more defiled and useless

Jeremiah 6:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination?

No! They were not at all ashamed; Nor did they know how to blush.

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- 4. OUR EMOTIONS ARE AFFECTED BY SIN
- 5. OUR CONSCIENCES ARE AFFECTED BY SIN.

6. OUR WILLS ARE AFFECTED BY SIN

God gave every human being a will. The ability to make choices. A volition, the faculty to make a moral choice

However, our nature determines what the will does.

We cannot and do not choose outside of our nature.

The choice to serve God is constantly presented to us

like

Joshua 24:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

1 Kings 18:21 (NKJV)

²¹ And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord *is* God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word.

but left to ourselves we will not come we will not make the right choice

John 5:40 (NKJV)

⁴⁰ But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

John 1:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

John 3:19-20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

Psalm 81:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ "But My people would not heed My voice, And Israel would *have* none of Me.

Matthew 22:3 (NKJV)

³ and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come.

Matthew 23:37 (NKJV)

³⁷ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing!

When we study a topic like this and read the many verses in the Bible that refer to man's evil heart and wicked behavior.

Eventually, someone will say

"But can't we do any good. Any good at all. What about the person who helps the poor. What about the lost mother who tenderly cares for her child.

What about the man who goes to war and gives his life to save his friend.

What about the man or woman who tries to live a good life and obey the commandments...

etc.....

The Bible has an answer

1. No man is Good

Romans 3:9-12 (NKJV)

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ As it is written:

"There is none righteous, no, not one;

- ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.
- 12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one."

2. No motive is Good

Romans 1:21-23 (NKJV)

²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and <u>changed</u> the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

changed

allassó: to change

Original Word: ἀλλάσσω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: allassó

Phonetic Spelling: (al-las'-so)

Definition: to change

Usage: I change, alter, exchange, transform.

to exchange (substitute) v. — to put in the place of another; switch seemingly equivalent items.

Romans 1:25 (NKJV)

²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

His motive is his own glory, not the glory God.

- 1. In 1 Corinthians 10:31, Paul said, "Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." But you can't glorify God if you are dishonoring him by not trusting him. So where there is no faith, 1 Corinthians 10:31 is being disobeyed in every action (no matter how neutral in itself).
- 2. Hebrews 11:6 says, "Without faith it is impossible to please him." Therefore, where there is no faith, all acts displease God.

3. No management is God

Some argue that that have not done that much bad. They have not committed any major sins.

James 2:10-11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, **he is** guilty of all.

he is Pf A.I has become and remains

ginomai: to come into being, to happen, to become

Original Word: γίνομαι
Part of Speech: Verb
Transliteration: ginomai

Phonetic Spelling: (ghin'-om-ahee)

Definition: to come into being, to happen, to become **Usage:** I come into being, am born, become, come about,

happen.

1096 gínomai – properly, to emerge, become, transitioning from one point (realm, condition) to another. 1096 (gínomai) fundamentally means "become" (becoming, became) so it is not an exact equivalent to the ordinary equative verb "to be" (is, was, will be) as with 1510 /eimí (1511 /eínai, 2258 /ēn).

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For **He who said**, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but

you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

The severity the sin is not determined by the amount but to whom you sin against.