

Words That Matter!

“Depravity”

Romans 1:18-32 (page 782) and Selected Verses

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Why do we sin?

Depravity – The dictionary defines depravity as MORAL CORRUPTION or WICKEDNESS, but depravity goes much deeper than that. It is man’s TENDENCY towards EVIL. Everyone is naturally inclined away from a LOVING GOD and toward SELF-CENTEREDNESS.

As a result of the FALL of man (Gen 3:6) every part of man – his MIND, WILL, EMOTIONS, and FLESH, have been CORRUPTED by sin.
(Gen 6:5-6; Psalm 14:1-3; Isa 64:6; Rom 7:18-19)

Four parts of man’s depravity: (Romans 1:18-32)

1. Man DENIES God! (vs 18-20; Matt 10:32-33; Titus 1:16)
2. Man suppresses TRUTH! (vs 21-23; Gen 3:5; 1 Tim 6:3-5)
3. Man seeks INDULGENCE!
(vs 24-27; Rom 6:23; 1 John 2:16)

4. Man becomes IMPENITENT!
(vs 28-32; 1 Tim 4:1-2; Rom 8:5-8)

Depravity goes even deeper still...for once we recognize our natural INCLINATION to DEFY God, we discover that we are HELPLESS to do anything about it!
(Rom 5:6; Col 2:13)

So what can be done about our depravity?

- God’s solution to man’s depravity was, and still is, His GRACE!
- Grace is RECEIVING what we DO NOT deserve.
Ephesians 2:1-3 & Ephesians 1:4-8

