

God Condemns Justly

Scripture: **Ephesians 2:1-3**

Series: **The Doctrines of Grace**

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Overview

The doctrine of total depravity helps us to see our depravity, God's justice and God's grace. We are a corrupt, sinful and spiritually dead people. We rightfully deserve condemnation but are offered salvation through God's grace and his atoning work on the cross through Christ. **Our total depravity establishes the cause of our condemnation and the need for our salvation.**

Corroborating Texts

Genesis 6:11; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:1-3; Genesis 6:5; Romans 3:10-18; Jeremiah 13:23; Deuteronomy 32:4; Exodus 34:6,7; Ephesians 2:4; John 6:60-65

Discussion Questions

1. What is the human condition? Are people inherently good or bad?
2. Read Genesis 6:11, Romans 3:23 and Ephesians 2:1-3. In these passages, we see that we are a corrupt, sinful and spiritually dead people apart from God. What does it mean to be spiritually dead and children of wrath?
3. Read Genesis 6:5, Romans 3:10-18. What is the scope of our sin? How deeply engrained is sin in us?
4. God is just, holy and good and we fall short of His law. What is the appropriate response? Should we get a pass, or do we deserve punishment? [Part of His holiness is Justice, He *must* punish sin. He can't just give us a pass, He has to make us clean and holy. God cannot let the scales of justice get out of balance.]
5. We see that our depravity establishes the cause of our condemnation. It helps us to understand the need for salvation but we cannot save ourselves. What is our great hope in this? Where do we find our salvation?
6. As believers we should feel immeasurably grateful because are no better than anyone else, we should feel a humble joy—He saved us because He loves us. What should we do in response to this? [We ought to be preachers of the gospel. How will others believe unless they hear? How will they hear unless you tell them? We ought to be praying. Pray that God would change peoples hearts; that he would cause them to be born again]