



# Developing Godly Disciplines

Countryside Bible Church

# Salvation and Spiritual Disciplines

## How Bad is Bad?

First, man in his raw, natural state as he comes from the womb is *morally and spiritually corrupt in disposition and character*. Every part of his being—his mind, his will, his emotions, his affections, his conscience, his body—has been affected by sin (this is what is meant by the doctrine of *total* depravity). His understanding is darkened, his mind is at enmity with God, his will to act is slave to his darkened understanding and rebellious mind, his heart is corrupt, his emotions are perverted, his affections naturally gravitate to that which is evil and ungodly, his conscience is untrustworthy, and his body is subject to mortality. Reymond

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## Genesis 6:5

<sup>5</sup> Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

## Genesis 8:21

<sup>21</sup> The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.

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## Psalm 14:1–3

<sup>1</sup> The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men To see if there are any who understand, Who seek after God.

<sup>3</sup> They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one.

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Isaiah 53:6

<sup>6</sup> All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

Jeremiah 17:9

<sup>9</sup> “The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?

Romans 3:23

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

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1 John 1:8

<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:10

<sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

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## How Lost is Lost?

...because man is totally or pervasively corrupt, he is *incapable of changing his character or of acting in a way that is distinct from his corruption*. He is unable to discern, to love, or to choose the things that are pleasing to God. As Jeremiah says, “Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to do evil” (Jer. 13:23). Raymond

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Ephesians 2:1

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in your trespasses and sins...

John 3:3

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

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John 6:44

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

John 6:65

<sup>65</sup> And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.”

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## The Verdict is Guilty

...because of man's corruption and inability to please God, he is deserving of punishment, for his sin is not only real evil, morally wrong, the violation of God's law, and therefore, undesirable, odious, ugly, disgusting, filthy, and ought not to be; it is also the contradiction of God's perfection, cannot but meet with his disapproval and wrath, and *damnable* in the strongest sense of the word because it *dishonors* God. God must react with holy indignation. He cannot do otherwise. Reymond

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## **Guilt Requires Justice**

John Murray declares,  
...with a divine “cannot” that bespeaks not divine weakness but everlasting strength, not reproach but inestimable glory. He cannot deny himself. To be complacent towards that which is the contradiction of his own holiness would be a denial of himself. So that wrath against sin is the correlate of his holiness. And this is just saying that the justice of God demands that sin receive its retribution. The question is not at all: How can God, being what he is, send men to hell? The question is, How can God, being what he is, save them from hell? Reymond

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## An Incredible Exchange

Romans 5:6–10

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still **helpless**, at the right time Christ died for the **ungodly**.

<sup>7</sup> For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet **sinner**s, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the **wrath** of God through Him.

<sup>10</sup> For if while we were **enemies** we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

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## An Incredible Exchange

2 Corinthians 5:21

<sup>21</sup> He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1 Peter 3:18

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;



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## An Incredible Exchange

1 Peter 1:17–19

<sup>17</sup> If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth;

<sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

<sup>19</sup> but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.



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## The Call of Our Lord

Mark 1:14–15

<sup>14</sup> Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God,  
<sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

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