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Lazarus and the TULIP

Selected Scriptures

I. Total Depravity

A. How to _____ this doctrine (Rom. 3:10-11, 23; 8:7-8; Eph. 2:1-3)

The Bible teaches the corruption and pollution of sin _____ down from Adam at the Fall. Total depravity emphasizes that man was categorically _____ into sin and therefore we are sinners by nature and not just by practice.

B. How it is _____ in the Gospel of John

1. You cannot receive Jesus on your own ability (Jn. 1:11)
2. You are already _____ (Jn. 3:18)
3. You love the darkness (Jn. 3:19)
4. You are under the _____ of God (Jn. 3:36)
5. You _____ Christ (Jn. 7:7)
6. You are guilty and self-righteous (Jn. 8:7; 9:41)

7. You will die in your sin (Jn. 8:21, 24)

8. You are a _____ to sin (Jn. 8:34)

9. You are of your father the _____ (Jn. 8:44)

10. You are lost and walking in the darkness (Jn. 12:35)

C. How it is _____ in the resurrection of Lazarus (Jn. 11:38-44)

1. Lazarus could not take away the stone (v. 38-39a)
2. Lazarus could only do one thing and that was to _____ (v. 39b)
3. Lazarus could only respond when Jesus called him by name (v. 43)
4. Lazarus could now _____ and let go (v. 44)

TAKE HOME

- This ought to effect our _____ view.
- This ought to effect our _____.
- This ought to effect our _____.

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. How much do you know about the Doctrines of Grace also known as the Five Points of Calvinism? What was your first impression of these doctrines? What is your present understanding of these doctrines?

2. What do you think about the definition given on total depravity? How do Rom. 3:10-11, 23; 8:7-8; and Eph. 2:1-3 help you understand this doctrine better?

3. Read the first three characteristics of total depravity as seen and explained in the corresponding references in John’s Gospel. How does man’s depravity look in light of these verses? What new clarity was brought into light for you?

4. Read the second three characteristics of total depravity as seen and explained in the corresponding references in John’s Gospel. How does man’s depravity look in light of these verses? What new clarity was brought into light for you?

5. Read the last four characteristics of total depravity as seen and explained in the corresponding references in John’s Gospel. How does man’s depravity look in light of these verses? What new clarity was brought into light for you?

6. Read John 11:38-44. How is the doctrine of total depravity illustrated in the story of Lazarus’ death and resurrection? How does this help you better understand total depravity and its impact on the human race? How do these verses also provide hope?

7. Read the take home points. Which one encouraged you or challenged you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently based on what you have learned today?

“A most striking figure... [is this] Lazarus. Dead, in the grave, his body already gone to corruption. At the almighty word of Christ ‘he that was dead came forth.’ The children of God are children of the resurrection. Where Christ has made the life of the soul, there is the certainty of a resurrection to a life eternal in Christ’s life.”

- A.W. Pink, *Exposition of the Gospel of John*