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PROPOSITION ON "DEPRAVITY"

THE SCRIPTURES TEACH THAT THE SINNER IS SO DEPRAVED THAT IN HIS CONVERSION THE HOLY SPIRIT MUST EXERCISE A POWER OF INFLUENCE SEPARATE FROM AND IN ADDITION TO THE WRITTEN OR SPOKEN WORD.

AFFIRMATIVE ARGUMENTS

I. "By NATURE children of wrath..." Eph. 2:3

ANSWER:

1. "...when we walked (not born walking!) - according to the course of world." v.2
2. This walking was done in "time past." verses 2,3.
3. "NATURE": Greek "Phusis" - "A mode of feeling and acting which by long HABIT has become nature." (Thayer)
4. "Nature" teaches that it is a shame for man to wear long hair. (I Cor. 11:14)
5. Gentiles did good things "by NATURE". Rom. 2:14
6. Eph. 2:3 - "By NATURE" means behaved unnaturally - passions.

II. "NONE RIGHTEOUS, no not one." Rom. 3:9-20

ANSWER:

1. "All gone (not BORN!) - out of the way." v.12
2. "They are become (not born!) - unprofitable." v.12
3. "Changed by the righteousness of God. v.21-26. Rom. 1:16-17. Revealed in gospel.

III. "Not a just man upon the earth that doeth good and sinneth not." (Eccl. 7:20)

ANSWER:

1. Refers to "MAN" - not to a BABY!
2. Refers to a "JUST man" - not a totally depraved man!
3. I Jn. 1:8,10. No one lives above sin.

IV. "WHO can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one." (Job 14:4)

ANSWER:

1. Since your argument demands that the word "unclean" means "Totally depraved", I ask: Are all women - mothers - TOTALLY DEPRAVED?
2. Jesus was born of WOMAN (Gal. 4:4) Was he TOTALLY DEPRAVED?

OBJECTION:

"He had a body prepared." Heb. 10:5

REPLY:

Christ's body was like all others. Heb. 2:16; Phil. 2:7

3. I Jn. 1:8,10. None are "clean" in the sense of sinlessly perfect.
 4. If Job 14:4 means infants "unclean" in sense of being SINFUL, then must be lost. Eph. 5:5
 5. Reverse Job 14:4. "Who can bring UNCLEAN thing out of a CLEAN thing? If mother a child of God, her offspring totally depraved?
- V. "How can he be clean that is born of woman?" (Job 25:4)

ANSWER:

1. See No. IV above.
 2. Job 25:4 was language of Bildad, a "forger of lies." (Job 13:4)
 3. Same man asks: "How then can man be justified with God? (Job 25:4) But Rom. 5:1 shows can be in a sense.
 4. No man born of woman can be "clean" or "justified" in sense of sinless perfection. Ps. 143:2; Eccl. 7:20. Christ an exception.
 5. "Unclean" doesn't always mean SINFUL: "Stars not pure in his sight." v.5,6 - Much less man.
 6. If infants "Unclean" in sense of SINFUL, will they be lost? Eph.5:5
- VI. "Wicked are estranged from the womb...go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." (Ps. 58:3)

(Note: "From womb" means ALL his life. cf. Acts 3:2: "lame from his mother's womb.")

ANSWER:

1. "Go astray" - not born so. v.3
 2. Not infants, for "SPEAKING" lies". v.3
 3. Had teeth. v.6
 4. If infants, then case of infant damnation, for "speaking LIES," And Rev. 21:8!
 5. Did he pray for the destruction of babies? "Break out their teeth..." verse 6-8.
 6. "Estranged from womb" simply shows that they began in sin early. cf. Ps. 22:10
- VII. "CALLED a Transgressor from womb." Isa. 48:8

ANSWER:

1. See No. VI above and on preceding page.
2. "Transgression" involves voluntary act - I Jn. 3:4

3. Refers to Israel as a NATION, not to individuals. v.1
4. Its origin compared to a birth.
5. "Was called"...Illustrate: This fellow was called a preacher from womb.
6. Declared it "Before it came to pass," v.5
7. "New Things - shown." v.6
8. Created "now" - not from beginning. v.7

VIII. "I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Ps. 51:5)

ANSWER:

1. Mother was in the sin, not David:
 - a. Deut. 23:2 Bastard could not enter congregation of Lord to tenth generation.
 - b. Pharez was such a child - of fornication; hence illegitimate. (Gen. 38:12-29)
 - c. David was the TENTH generation from Pharez. Ruth 4:18-22; Mt. 1:3-6
2. Illustrate: "Shapen in a garden, conceived in a pumpkin patch." (Would that make a "Punkin" of the baby?)
3. Jesus generally regarded as born in a stable and laid in a manger. But not a COLT, nor a bale of hay.
4. Acts 2:8. Born in tongue. But not born talking! Simply born in section where language prevailed. Same true of Ps. 51:5!

IX. "All as unclean thing - all our righteousness as filthy rags." (Isa. 64:6,7)

ANSWER:

1. Verses 9-11. These were God's people who had turned to sin.
2. No reference to Babies, nor to all people in all ages.

X. "Heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. (Jer. 17:9)

ANSWER:

1. Then "feelings" of heart not reliable!
2. Prov. 4:23. Heart can be kept with all diligence.
3. Jer. 17:9. No intimation that hearts were such when born.
4. Hearts not so desperately wicked that can't understand and obey. Even Ante-diluvians could have. Gen. 6:5; 2 Pet. 2:5; I Pet. 3:19-20.

XI. "The heart (mind) of the sons of men is fully (totally) set in them TO DO EVIL." (Ecc1. 8:11)

ANSWER:

1. The word "set" shows it a result of their own choice.
2. They thus "set" their hearts because of delayed sentence. Eccl. 8:11. Not so born. - Illustration: "My Lord delayeth his coming." (Lk. 12:42-46)
3. If their own choice that set thus, surely can change that CHOICE!

XII. THOUGHTS OF HEART:

- a. "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." (Prov. 23:7)
- b. "Every imagination of thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Gen. 6:5)

ANSWER:

1. Does a new-born infant think?
2. If so, are its thoughts only "EVIL"?
3. 2 Pet. 2:5. God strove with people referred to in Gen. 6:5 through PREACHING of Noah. Possible for them to accept?
4. Prov. 23:7 means that what a man thinks in heart works out in life.
5. Matt. 12:35. Possible to think GOOD thoughts.

XIII. "IMAGINATION OF MAN'S HEART EVIL FROM YOUTH" (Gen. 8:21)

ANSWER:

1. "From his youth" doesn't mean he was born that way.
 - a. I Sam. 17:33 "Goliath man of war 'from his youth'". Born a soldier?
 - b. Prov. 5:18. "Rejoice with the wife of thy youth." Have wife when born?
2. Eccl. 12:1. Can "REMEMBER" in YOUTH. But infants can't remember God.

XIV. DEAD IN SIN.

- a. Eph. 2:1-2. Dead in Trespasses and sins.
- b. Dead men can do nothing.
- c. Hence, Holy Spirit must prepare "dead" sinner before can repent, etc.

ANSWER:

1. CHRISTIANS are also "Dead". Rom. 6:2 - Apply your logic: Dead men can do nothing. But Christians are "dead". Therefore, Christians can't repent, please God, etc.
2. "Dead in sins" simply means condemned.
3. Are there any condemned babies?

XV. THE CARNAL MIND: Rom. 8:7-8

- a. "Enmity against God" - v.7
- b. "Not subject to law of God, Neither indeed can be." v.7
- c. "They that are in the flesh cannot please God." - v.8

ANSWER:

1. The "carnal mind" in the margin is the "minding of the flesh." - Not inherited!
2. Verses, 4,5. Refers to their walking after the flesh.
3. Verse 7. "Minding the flesh" (Margin) - or living in sin - can never be reconciled to God by law of God, nor Spirit, nor in any other way-- not subject -- neither can be.
4. They that are "in the flesh" are they that "walk after the flesh." verses 4, 5. Such can never please God.

XVI. CONFLICTING LAWS: Romans 7:14-25.

- a. Did what he would not. v.15,16.
- b. "Not I but sin that dwelleth in me." v.17.
- c. "In me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing." v.18
- d. Hence, Paul had a depraved nature that he couldn't conquer - by "flesh" he meant his "natural" self - depraved nature.

ANSWER:

1. Christians DESIRE to do good ALL THE TIME, but fail through weakness of flesh. Pr. 11:23.
2. If "flesh" means "as he was by nature" (or, as you think "depraved") how could that hinder Paul, since he had been converted?
3. Was Paul totally "depraved" after conversion?
4. "Flesh" means "fleshly body." v.25
5. Christians are "in the flesh" in the sense of "walking in the flesh" (2 Cor. 10:3) Therefore we are hindered.
6. But Christians are NOT in the "flesh" in sense of walking "after the flesh." Rom. 8:4, 12, 13.

XVII. "DEATH PASSED UPON ALL MEN, FOR THAT ALL HAVE SINNED." (Rom. 5:12)

ANSWER:

1. PHYSICAL Death passed upon all men. vs. 13,14
2. "All have sinned" - not inherited sin.
3. "Death reigned...even over them that HAD NOT SINNED after the similitude of Adam's transgression." vs. 13,14

XVIII. "BY OFFENSE OF ONE, JUDGMENT CAME UPON ALL MEN UNTO CONDEMNATION.
(Rom. 5:18)

ANSWER:

1. "By Righteousness of one, free gift came upon ALL MEN (same ones) unto justification of life." (same verse.)
2. If one proves total depravity of all, other proves UNIVERSAL SALVATION!
3. If one proves men born DEPRAVED, other proves men now born SAVED!

XIX. "BY ONE MAN'S DISOBEDIENCE MANY (ALL) WERE MADE SINNERS." (Rom. 5:19)

ANSWER:

1. Same verse: "By obedience of one (Christ) shall many (all) be made righteous."
2. If one statement proves total depravity, other proves universal salvation.
3. Truth is, many are led to be sinners on the one hand, many led to be righteous on other.
4. If born depraved since Adam, then born righteous since Christ!

XX. SINNERS ARE BLINDED BY THE DEVIL. (2 Cor. 4:3-4)

ANSWER:

1. They are not BORN blind!
2. Gospel preaching is to "open their eyes." Acts 26:18

XXI. "WILL TAKE STONY HEART OUT - GIVE HEART OF FLESH." (Ezek. 11:19-20)

ANSWER:

1. Speaking of Israel, God's people. v.15
2. Jer. 23:29. Word of God is the hammer that breaks rock in pieces.
3. Ezek. 18:31-32. "Make you a new heart and a new spirit..turn yourselves and live."
4. They had choice. Jer.6:16

XXII. "THEIR EAR IS UNCIRCUMCISED AND CANNOT HEAR" (Jer. 6:10)

ANSWER:

1. Refers to Israel - God's people. v.9
2. v. 16-17. They said "WE WILL NOT." Mt. 13:15
3. v.17. "We will not HEARKEN" - as long as they keep their ears uncircumcised.

XXIII. SINNER IN SNARE OF THE DEVIL. (2 Tim. 2:25-26)

ANSWER:

1. They were "TAKEN captive by him" - Not born in captivity. v. 26.
2. They could "recover themselves" (v. 26) by repentance produced by instruction. v. 25.

XXIV. WHOLE HEAD SICK, HEART FAINT - NO SOUNDNESS (Isa. 1:5-6)

ANSWER:

1. V. 4. Nation of Israel (God's people) like unto a man. Not talking of an individual.
2. They could be "willing and obedient," v. 19, or they could "refuse and rebel," v. 20.
3. "Revolt more and more" (v. 5) still not "Totally" depraved.

XXV. THE NATURAL MAN (1 Cor. 2:14)

- a. "Receiveth not the things of the Spirit."
- b. "Neither can he know them."

ANSWER:

1. Is the "direct operation" you think comes on the "totally depraved" man - is that "Power" a thing of the SPIRIT? If so, the "totally depraved" man cannot RECEIVE IT!
2. But unconverted man CAN receive the word. Acts 2:41; 8:14; 11:1; Lk. 8:11-13.
3. Unconverted man must understand. Mt. 13:15.
4. Man cannot know things of God except God reveals them. v. 9.
5. But "Natural" man is uninspired man. May be also that he rejects revelation and depends upon study of nature.
6. Therefore, natural man rejects God's message, 1 Cor. 1:22-23.

XXVI. ANGER IS AN INDICATION OF DEPRAVITY

ANSWER:

1. God get angry. Ex. 32:10. Ps. 7:11, "God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day."
2. IS GOD DEPRAVED?

XXVII. WEEPING IS AN INDICATION OF DEPRAVITY

ANSWER:

1. Jn. 11:35. Jesus wept. Was he depraved?
2. If Jesus could weep, yet not be depraved, then when other children cry, no proof....

XXIII. "THE INIQUITIES OF MY YOUTH" (Job 13:26)

ANSWER:

1. But youth is not infancy.
 - a. 1 Sam. 13:33 - "Man of war from youth."
 - b. Prov. 5:18 - "Wife of thy youth."
2. Job. 13:26 - "Iniquities" refer to sins had committed in youth... not INHERITED.

XXIX. "OUT FATHERS HAVE INHERITED LIES" (Jer. 16:19)

ANSWER:

1. Not our "BABIES" - but our "FATHERS"
2. People often "inherit" after are grown.
3. If this refers to INFANTS, then it teaches infant damnation!
Rev. 21:8; 22:15.

XXX. "GENTILES SINNERS BY NATURE" (Romans 11:24) "By nature a WILD olive tree..."

ANSWER:

1. If so born, then Jews were NOT WILD (sinners) at birth. (Same verse)
Hence all mankind not affected!
2. Rom. 2:14 - Gentiles did GOOD THINGS "by nature."
3. Simply teaches Jews were born God's people, but Gentiles were not.
Rom. 11:25.

XXXI. "TONGUE SETS ON FIRE COURSE OF NATURE." (Jas. 3:6) - "Course of nature" is inherent depravity.

ANSWER:

1. Then it should read: "Course of Nature sets tongue on fire."

XXXII. MAN IS BORN LIKE A WILD ASS COLT (Job 11:12)

ANSWER:

1. Is the wild ass cold DEPRAVED?

XXXIII. "CHILD IS KNOWN BY HIS DOINGS" (Pr. 20:11)

ANSWER:

1. "By his DOINGS" - not by HEREDITY!
2. "Whether his work be PURE, and whether it be RIGHT." (Same verse) - According to your theory, impossible for child to be PURE and RIGHT!

XXXIV. FOOLISHNESS IN CHILD:

- a. Prov. 22:15, "Foolishness is bound in heart of a child."
- b. Prov. 24:9, "Thought of foolishness is sin."
- c. Therefore children depraved.

ANSWER:

1. "Thought" (Pr. 24:9) refers to "Devising evil." (v. 8)
2. But that in child's heart may be driven out with "ROD of correction." (Pr. 22:15) - Your theory requires DIRECT OPERATION OF Spirit to drive it out! - hence, this text not prove inherited depravity.

XXXV. "CHILD LEFT TO HIMSELF BRINGETH MOTHER TO SHAME" (Prov. 29:15)

ANSWER:

1. Certainly! But does not say: "Child is ALREADY shame to mother BECAUSE born depraved."
2. Ps. 127:2-5, "...Happy is the man that hath his quiver FULL OF THEM."

XXXVI. INIQUITY OF FATHERS VISITED ON CHILDREN (Ex. 20:5)

ANSWER:

1. Children often suffer the consequences of fathers' sins.
2. Ezek. 18:20, Children do not bear GUILT of fathers' sins.

XXXVII. ALL WERE DEAD (2 Cor. 5:14). Christ died for infants; hence they were "dead."

ANSWER:

1. To be saved, the "dead" must be quickened (Eph. 2:1-5). Are infants LOST?

REPLY: Alive till conscious of sins. Rom. 7:9.

ANSWER: Then not "born DEAD," for you said they were "ALIVE!" Can't be both.

XXXVIII. IMAGE OF GOD DESTROYED:

- a. Gen. 1:26-27. Man made in image (moral relationship) of God.
- b. Adam lost moral relationship when sinned. Image then destroyed.
- c. In re-creation man is restored to the original image. Rom. 8:29; Col. 3:10; Eph. 4:24.

ANSWER:

1. Adam was not corrupt (depraved) before he sinned - no depravity in the original image.
2. If restored to original image at conversion, then could not transmit depravity to children.
3. "Men ARE made in image of God." Jas. 3:9.
4. Phil. 2:7 - "Jesus was made in the LIKENESS of men." - Was he totally depraved?
5. I Cor. 11:7 - Man IS the image and glory of God."
6. Gen. 9:6 - "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: FOR IN THE IMAGE OF GOD MADE HE MAN."
Question: Why did God give this law if man is no more in his image??
OBJECTION TO NO. 4 (above): Christ had a body PREPARED. Heb. 10:5.
ANSWER: Yes, but "Made in ALL THINGS LIKE UNTO HIS BRETHREN." Heb. 2:14-17. If they are totally depraved, so is He.
7. What kind of "image" is Jesus trying to get us to take upon us when he says "become as LITTLE CHILDREN"? Mt. 18:3.

XXXIX. Gen. 3:15, GOD SPOKE OF "SEED" OF SATAN ("seed" means offspring). Mt. 3:7 John called men "GENERATION OF VIPERS."

ANSWER:

1. "Seed" simply means children.
 - a. Become children of Devil by committing sin, 1 Jn. 3:8-10.
 - b. Children of Satan ("Tares") will be burned. Mt. 13:38-40.
Infant damnation??
2. Acts 17:28-29. We ARE the OFFSPRING of God.

OBJECTION: Were offspring of God at creation, but Devil stepped in since then.

REPLY: Then Paul should have said "We WERE offspring of God!" But Acts 17:28-29.

3. Heb. 12:9. God the "FATHER OF OUR SPIRITS."

OBJECTION: Father of such by original creation.

REPLY: Father of FLESH IN THAT SENSE Too.

OBJECTION: Father of "Our" (Christians) spirits.

REPLY:

- a. Then "we have had fathers (plural) of our flesh" would mean that only Christians have fleshly fathers.
- b. God is the father of ALL SPIRITS, Num. 16:22; 27:16.

XL. "BORN OF FLESH IS FLESH" Jn. 3:6 - FLESH is from Greek "Sarx" - Not body, but "depraved nature."

ANSWER:

1. Beasts born of flesh ("Sarx"). 1 Cor. 15:39. Are animals "depraved?"
2. Jesus partook of flesh ("Sarx"). Heb. 2:14. Was he born totally depraved?
3. Christ suffered and died in the Flesh ("Sarx"). 1 Pet. 4:1; 3:18.

XLI. Eccl. 9:3. "HEART OF SON OF MEN FULL OF EVIL - MADNESS IN HEART WHILE THEY LIFE.

ANSWER:

1. Does not say they were BORN that way.
2. This condition brought about by choice. Eccl. 8:11.
3. Because of delayed sentence, hearts SET - But could change that choice.
4. If this proves Born "totally depraved," is this the state that Jesus wants us to turn to when become like children? Mt. 18:3.

XLII. THE SEED OF DEATH:

- a. Sin is the cause of death. Rom. 5:12.
- b. "The sting of sin is death." 1 Cor. 15:56.
- c. How could an infant die unless it had the seed of death (sin) in it?

ANSWER:

1. Yes, sin is the cause of death, but not because it is IN the one who dies.
2. Gen. 3:19, "Dust thou art...Unto dust return."
3. God fulfilled this decree by separating from tree of life "lest eat... life..." 21-24.
4. Since no person can NOW eat of tree of life (separated from it because of Adam's sin) ALL must die, Rev. 2:7; 22:14.
5. 1 Cor. 15:56 misquoted. It reads: "The sting of DEATH is sin." - Only sting is in death when one dies a sinner. Ps. 116:15; Ezek. 33:11; Rev. 14:14; 16:17-31.
6. "The seed of death" is merely a product of my opponent's lucid imagination - Book, Chapter, & verse???
7. Christ was subject to death in his infancy. Mt. 2:13-14. His flight to Egypt saved him.

OBJECTION: Christ was made to be sin in our behalf. 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:24.

REPLY: Subject to death before our sins were laid upon him.

DODGE: Was Christ subject to disease like other infants?

REPLY: This is beside the point. Will you deny that it was possible for Herod to kill him, and thus affirm that God did not know what he was doing when he had Christ carried into Egypt to escape the wrath of the King? - Mt. 2:13-14, 22.

8. Although my opponent affirms that one receives the "original image" in becoming a "new man," it is possible for that one to die. Wiggle out of that!
9. Can a CHRISTIAN die? If so, WHY? Does he become totally depraved a second time?
10. Does the "New man" have the "seed of death?" (depravity) in him?
11. If the Christian can die without the "seed of death" (?) (depravity) being in him, why cannot the INFANT die without Total Depravity being in him? WHY? Oh WHY?

XLIII. CHRIST IN LIKENESS OF SINFUL FLESH. Rom. 8:3 - Christ born in likeness of INFANT flesh. - Therefore infant flesh sinful.

ANSWER:

1. Christ was born in infant flesh - True! Gal. 4:4; Jn. 1:44; Heb. 2:16-17.
2. Was he totally depraved?
3. Human flesh is not sinful in and of itself. Jesus was made in ALL THINGS LIKE unto his brethren, Heb. 2:17.
4. Human flesh is made sinful when it obeys sin. Rom. 6:16; 2 Pet. 2:19.

OBJECTION: Christ was merely made in the LIKENESS of sinful flesh.

REPLY: Also says, "Being made in likeness of a man (Phil. 2:7) - but he WAS MAN! 1 Tim. 2:5; Acts 17:31.

XLIV. "FORMETH SPIRIT OF MAN WITHIN HIM," Zech. 12:1.

- a. Done in original creation, Gen. 2:7.
- b. "Strethcheth heavens....layeth foundation...formeth spirit...."
Refers to creation.
- c. Spirit is depaved - is produced by generation - inherited from parents.
- d. The "soul" is the "spirit" - Lk. 12:4-5.

ANSWER:

1. If it is the SPIRIT that is "depraved," then "Goodbye" to all your quibbles on "sinful FLESH"!
2. Note Isa. 42:5 for sequence of tenses:
 - a. Created heavens - past tense.
 - b. Stretched forth - past tense.
 - c. Spread abroad - past tense.
 - d. Giveth breath - present tense.
 - e. And giveth Spirit - present tense.

3. Heb. 12:9, God is the "Father of our spirits" - Footnote in R.V.
4. "Soul" sometimes is used to refer to whole being. Gen. 2:7. Sometimes to that part of man that never dies - interchangeable with "spirit" - as in Lk. 12:5. Sometimes to the physical life or animal life. 1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 4:12.
5. If "soul" always means "spirit," then your argument falls in Isa. 57:16, "The souls (plural - not just Adam's) that I have made." - God made them - not come from our parents.

OBJECTION TO NO. 3: God father of our spirits by original creation.

REPLY: Father of our FLESH by original creation too! - Paul contrasts "Fathers" (plural) of our flesh, with "Father" (singular) of spirits, Heb. 12:9.

DODGE: "Our spirits" (Heb. 12:9) refers only to spirits of Christians.

REPLY: Then only the Christians have "fathers of the flesh"! "OUR" not in King James, nor Revised version; only in footnote in R.V. The preferred translation is merely "father of spirits."

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PROPOSITION ON "DEPRAVITY"

"The Scriptures teach that the sinner is so Depraved that in his conviction and conversion the Holy Spirit must exercise a power or influence separate from and in addition to the written or spoken word."

NEGATIVE ARGUMENTS ON TOTAL DEPRAVITY

- I. Mt. 18:3, Must "be converted" ("turn" - R.V.) and "become as little children."
- a. If little children depraved, we must become depraved, else not enter kingdom!
 - b. Hence, little children not depraved.

II. Mt. 19:14; Mk. 10:13. "Of such is Kingdom of Heaven."

OBJECTION: "Of such as come."

REPLY:

- a. "Come" not used in sense of "obey," for they were "brought to him."
- b. "Took them in his arms," Mk. 10:16.

III. Ezek. 18:20, "Son shall NOT bear the iniquity of the father."

IV. Ezek. 18:2-3; Jer. 31:29-30, "Children's teeth NOT set on edge."

V. Heb. 12:9, God is Father of our spirits. - If we inherit depraved spirits, we inherit them from God.

VI. Why not inherit righteousness from regenerated parents?

- 1. The heart is purified, Acts 15:9.
- 2. Soul is purified, 1 Pet. 1:22.
- 3. The body is likewise subjected, 1 Cor. 9:27.
 - a. 1 Cor. 6:15. Bodies members of Christ.
 - b. 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19, Body temple of Spirit.
 - c. 1 Cor. 6:20, Glorify God in Body - is God's.
 - d. 1 Thess. 5:23 - Body preserved blameless.
 - e. Rom. 12:1, Bodies a living sacrifice.

VII. Lk. 8:15. Some have honest and good hearts.

- 1. How could their children inherit dishonest and sinful hearts?

VIII. 2 Tim. 3:13, "Evil men...wax worse and worse."

- 1. Not possible if born TOTALLY depraved...as bad as devil when born, if that true.

IX. Lk. 16:27-28, Rich man in hell had good thoughts - not totally depraved - some good in him.

X. Acts 10:22 - Cornelius was a JUST man before conversion - Not totally depraved.

XI. Acts 8:27, The Eunuch was a worshipper of God before conversion. Some good in him.

XII. Acts 16:14, Lydia likewise worshipped - her "Depravity" was not TOTAL.

XIII. Children called "the innocents."

- a. Jer. 19:4, Israel filled "this place with blood of innocents."
- b. Jer. 2:34, "Blood of the poor innocents."
- c. When they sacrificed their children, Ps. 106:38; Jer. 32:35.

OBJECTION: A person may be guilty of sins, yet innocent of thing that led to his death.

REPLY: But such are not called the "innocent."

XIV. Definition of terms:

1. "Depraved" - characterized by debasement, corruption, degeneration cap. with reference to morals.
2. "Depravity" - state of being depraved; corruption, wickedness." (Webster)
3. Hence "depravity" is result of CHOICE, not heredity.
 - a. Scriptures on corruption:
 1. 1 Tim. 6:5 - "Men of corrupt minds." - "Corrupted in mind." (R.V.) "Having been corrupted in mind." (Wilson)
 2. 2 Tim. 3:8 - "Men of corrupt minds." - "Corrupted in mind." (R.V.) Having corrupted the mind." (Wilson)
 3. Eph. 4:24 - "Corrupt according to deceitful lusts." (Not according to heredity!)
 4. 2 Pet. 2:19, "Servants of Corruption." - Also Jn. 8:34; Rom. 8:16.
 5. Ps. 14:1 - "They are corrupt, they have done adominable works."
 6. Jude 10 - "...they corrupt themselves."
 - b. Scriptures on Wickedness (sin or iniquity)
 1. 1 Jn. 3:4 - "Sin is transgression of law."
 2. 1 Jn. 5:17 - "All unrighteousness is sin."
 3. Jas. 4:17 - Omitting know duty is sin.

XV. Heb. 2:6-17. Christ took human nature - made like us in ALL THINGS.

1. Was Christ depraved?
2. Lk. 3:38. Luke traces genealogy of Christ back to Adam. Did Jesus inherit Adam's sin?

XVI. Eph. 5:5. If infants "unclean" (sinful), cannot be saved!

XVII. REDEMPTION impossible if born sinful.

1. "Redeem": To buy BACK: TO Recover.
2. "Redeemer" must be original owner to buy back. Zech. 12:1; Eccl. 12:7; Acts 20:28; Heb. 12:9.
3. But Lord "redeems" sinners:
 - a. Gal. 4:3 - "To redeem them that were under the law."
 - b. Tit. 2:14 - "Might redeem us from all iniquity."

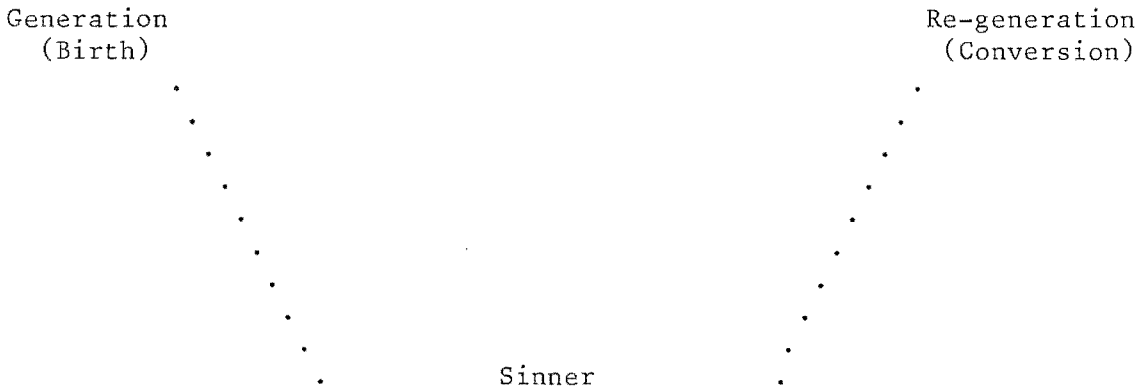
- c. 1 Pet. 1:18-19 - "Not redeem with corruptible."
- d. Rev. 5:9 - "Redeem us to God by thy blood."
- e. Rom. 3:24 - "Redemption that is in Christ."
- f. Col. 1:14 - "Redemption through his blood."
- g. Heb. 9:12 - "Obtained eternal redemption for us."
- h. Mt. 20:28 - "To give his life a ransom for men." (Ransom - Redeem, synonymus.)
- i. 1 Tim. 2:6 - "Who gave his life a ransom for....."

XVIII. "RECONCILIATION" impossible if born sinners.

- 1. "Re-concile:" "To make friends AGAIN."
- 2. Christ reconciles sinners to God:
 - a. Eph. 2:16 - "Might reconcile both unto God...."
 - b. Rom. 5:10 - "Reconcile to God by death of...."
 - c. 2 Cor. 5:18-20 - "Reconciled us to himself...."; "...ministry of reconciliation..."; "...reconciling world..."; "...word of reconciliation"; ..."be ye reconciled to God."
 - d. Col. 1:20-21 - "...by him to reconcile all things..." "...yet now hath he reconciled..."

XIX. "REGENERATION" impossible if infants borh totally depraved.

- 1. "Re-generated": To regenerate anew; reproduce; re-create; revive; to restore to its original strength or properties." (Webster)
- 2. Regeneration demands a "de-generation."



But the theory of hereditary total depravity has it like this:

