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## *Total Depravity*



## *Topics*



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**Eph. 4:17** So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their *mind*, **4:18** being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the *hardness of their heart*, **4:19** and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for *the practice* of every kind of impurity with greediness.



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- ◆ *All men have the capacity to commit the very worst sins*
- ◆ *When men do good things it is for selfish reasons —not for God's Glory*
- ◆ *Men do not know or understand the Love of God*
- ◆ *In life, men grow progressively worse over time*
- ◆ *Total Depravity means Total Inability:*  
*There is no human way of salvation or recovery*  
**Matt 19:16 The Rich, *YOUNG, RULER* ...**



# Man's Predicament

**Eph. 2:1** And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

**We are separated from God, and from the Life of God, and are completely insensitive to spiritual matters.**

**The only hope for this condition is Spiritual Life, that can come only by *Grace*, which operates on the basis of *Faith* ...**



## God's Solution

**Eph. 2:8** For by **grace** (*f.*) you have been saved through **faith** (*f.*); and **that** (*n.*) not of yourselves (*ek*, “*out of, source*”), it is the **gift** (*n.*) of God, **2:9** not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**The entire work of salvation  
is a GIFT from beginning to end.**

**The unsaved person contributes nothing.**

**We simply receive eternal life as a Free Gift from God.**

**There is absolutely NO merit on our part.**

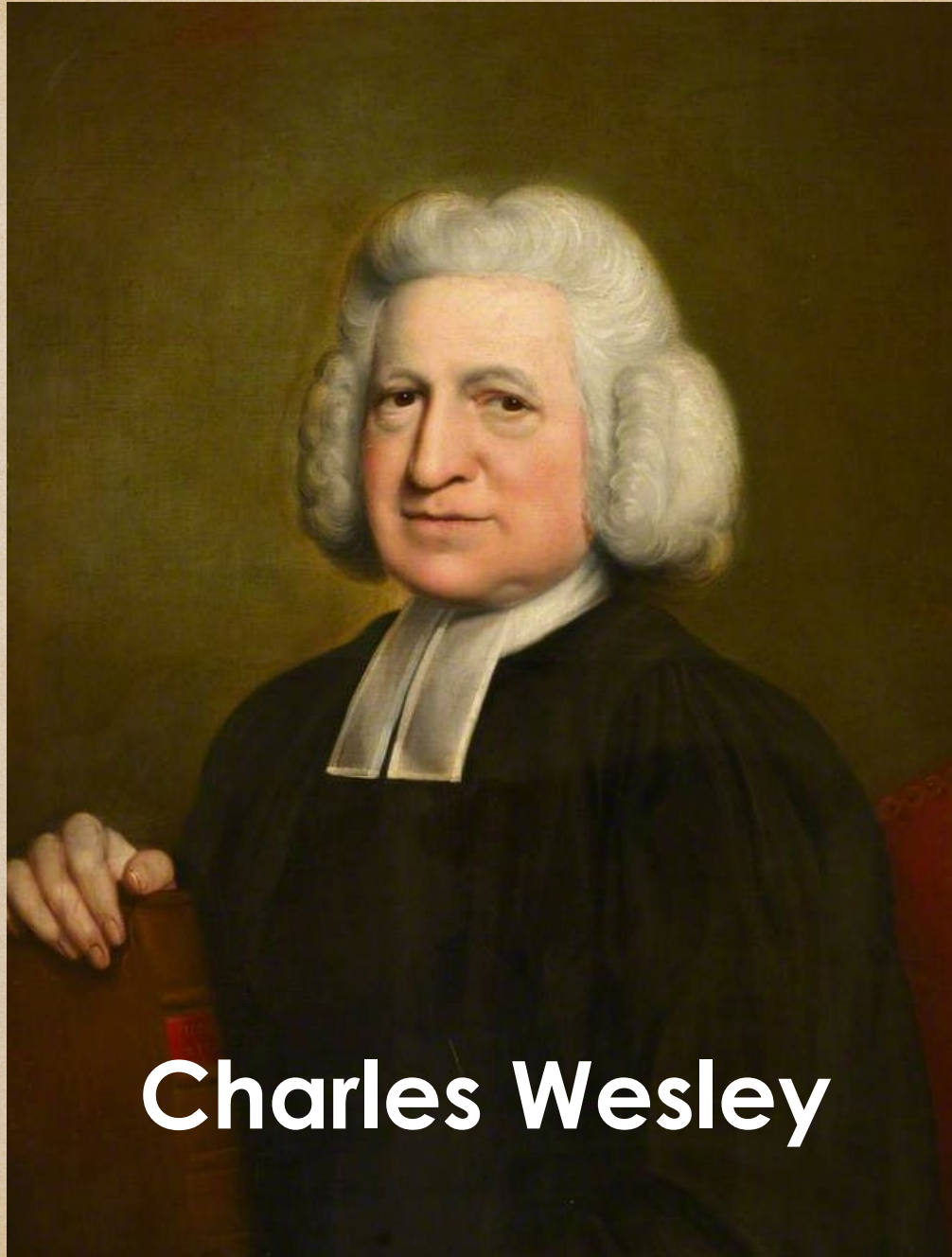
**Rom. 5:8** ... while we were yet *sinners*, Christ died for us.  
**5:10** ... while we were *enemies* we were reconciled to God  
through the death of His Son



## Other Views

- ◆ **Pelagianism:** “Adam’s sin only affected HIM—not his race. The Law and Gospel are both a means of salvation ...”
- ◆ **Semi-Pelagianism:** “Grace and Free Will work together. Man was weakened by the Fall ...”
- ◆ **Arminianism:** “Divine assistance is needed for salvation, working through man’s free will.
- ◆ **Wesleyanism:** Man totally depraved, but is born free from condemnation by the death of Christ. Grace is the “Seed of Life” planted in the heart at birth.






**Charles Wesley**



4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

**Does he claim  
ANY merit here?**



5 No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.



# Calvinism and Arminianism

Differences over the doctrines of divine predestination and election cause many people view these schools of thought as totally opposed to each other.

## *The distinction?*

*Does* God allow His desire to save all men to be resisted by my own will (*Arminianism*)?

*Or* is God's Grace irresistible, I cannot escape it, but it is limited *to only* those He has chosen (*Calvinism*)?

*But, is it possible*, that God, in His Sovereignty, allows the free decision of those He has chosen?

*He allows your Free Choice,  
because you don't know  
That He has already chosen you*



*In other words (again),*  
*Arminians* (Wesley) believe that  
they owe their election to their faith  
*Calvinists* (Whitfield) believe that  
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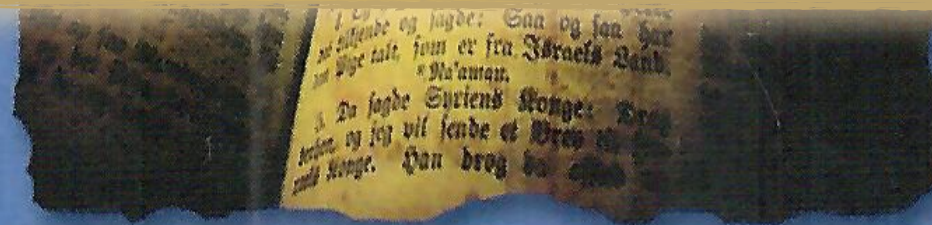
*Both men were Faithful ...*  
*Their Testimony Lives ON ...*



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