

Sermon Notes

The Doctrines of Grace

“Radical Depravity” – Part B

I. Brief Review.

A. Man is spiritually dead and helpless to bring himself to God.

1. Romans 3:10-18; Ephesians 2:1-3

B. The beauty of God’s grace which makes us alive.

1. Ephesians 2:4-10.

II. What about self-esteem in view of radical depravity.

A. Definition.

B. Response.

1. Worldly view vs. Biblical view.
2. All people have intrinsic value.
3. Meditating on your virtues usually ends in pride.

- a. Romans 12:3, 16

4. We should possess the highest view of self-esteem.

a. Why?

1. Created in His _____.
2. Saved by His _____.
3. Called for His _____.

III. Practical application of the doctrine of Radical Depravity.

A. It beckons us to humility.

1. Our feet are made of clay, Ephesians 2:1-3.
2. Paul’s remarks, I Timothy 1:12-16.

3. The path of humility is the way of the Christian, Philippians 2:3-8.

B. It beckons us to dependence.

1. We usually want to do things in our own way and own time, John 15:4-5.
2. Answers for life found without not within.

C. It facilitates understanding our children.

1. They are not born innocent.
 - a. Psalm 51:5; 58:3.
2. Reminds us of why being a parent is so difficult.

D. It facilitates our understanding of people and the difficulty we have getting along with one another.

1. We all come from the same piece of cloth, Col. 3:12-13.
2. Reminds us of Jesus’ words, Matt. 7:1-5; 5:43-44, 46-48.

E. It facilitates forgiveness when wronged.

1. Matthew 18:21-35.
2. The key to holding on to relationships, Matthew 6:12.

F. It beckons us to remember God’s forgiveness of us.

1. Each of us drink water at this reservoir every day.

IV. Point for Reflection.

A. Radical depravity does not cause us to look down. It causes us to look up.

1. Psalm 73:28