

Sermon Notes

The Doctrines of Grace

“Radical Depravity” – Part A

I. Introduction.

A. A few words about the series title.

1. Doctrine is out of vogue.

a. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

2. Grace – used so often that it may have lost its meaning.

B. The Doctrines of Grace tell a story.

1. They tell how we were lost and then found.

II. Today – Radical Depravity.

A. Results of the Fall (Genesis 3:1-6).

1. Doubting the benevolence of God, verse 1.

Doubting the Word of God, verse 4.

Aspiring to be God, verse 5.

2. God’s Word on obedience, Genesis 2:16-17

a. Death is understood to be twofold.

1. Physical

2. Spiritual.

B. Obliteration of man’s spiritual dimension.

1. Ryken on “Total” verses “Utterly.”

2. Boettner

“Man is actuated (motivated) to do something by wrong

principles, and that he is wholly unable to love God or do anything meriting salvation.”

3. Spiritual death of first parents.

a. Knew they were naked, vs. 3:7. S_____

b. Hid from God’s presence, vs. 3:8 A_____

c. Deflected responsibility, vs. 3:12-13 B_____

d. Angelic guard, vs. 3:24.

4. The deal is sealed for Adam and his children.

a. Man is unable to come to God. Not simply may not, but can not. John 3:3,5.

b. Westminster Confession.

1. Note Adam as a representative head.

5. Key texts on how this spiritual death works out.

a. Genesis 6:5; Jeremiah 17:9

b. Note that God must enable

1. John 6:44; Acts 16:14.

C. Paul’s instruction.

1. Romans 3:10-12

2. Ephesians 2:1-3

a. Abraham Kuyper.

III. Points for comfort and worship.

A. Ephesians 2:1-9