

# **The Total Christian**

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## LESSON I

### Total Depravity

I. **Definition** – *Depravity* means “sinful.” Total depravity means that man is depraved (sinful) in every part of his being. It does not mean that every man is as sinful as he can be.

#### II. Discussion

A. What are some facts of every-day life that should help persuade us of *total depravity*?

(1) Character of infants—selfish; (2) character of men through history; (3) Christian witness has kept man (through salvation) from being as bad as he could be.

B. Can you think of examples of lost people who would be in better shape if they were saved, as far as their character is concerned?

C. Can you think of examples of how someone has been changed drastically because of salvation?

#### III. Scripture Teaching

A. Depraved from birth (Psalm 51:5; 58:3; Eph. 2:3)

B. Character of depravity—Total (Psalm 14:1-4; Romans 3:10, 23)

C. Extent of depravity—Every part of man

1. The whole person (Isaiah 1:5-6) 2. The heart is affected (Jer. 17:9) 3. The bones, tongue and mouth (Job 20:11-13) 4. The feet (Prov. 1:15-16)

D. Remedy For Depravity

1. Not of works (Titus 3:5; Eph. 2:9; Gal. 3:21,22,26)

2. By grace through faith (Eph. 2:8; Gal. 3:26)

## LESSON II

### Total Redemption

I. **Definition** - *Redemption* means "purchase." Christ paid an eternal price for an eternal salvation.

#### II. Discussion

- A. Discuss the importance of the correct amount being paid for a specific item.
- B. What do you get when you pay for an item? Exactly what you pay for—per agreement.
- C. How much would you be willing to pay for eternal life? (See John 6:28-29).
  1. Some try to pay a moral life (good works)
  2. Some try to pay baptism
  3. Some try to pay money
  4. Some try to pay other things
  5. Think of some other things people do to try to get saved

#### III. Scripture Teaching

- A. You cannot redeem yourself or anyone else (Psalm 49:7)
- B. Jesus came to redeem his people (Luke 1:67-69; Matt. 1:21); Titus 2:13-14)
- C. We are redeemed by Christ's blood (I Peter 1:18; Rev. 5:9)

## LESSON III

### Total Security

**I. Definition** – *Security* means protection. God saved us and gave us “eternal security.” Some say it this way: “once saved, always saved.”

#### II. Discussion

- A. Did you save yourself, or did God save you?
- B. If God saved you, then under what circumstances would God condemn you (See Romans 8:1).
- C. What is everlasting life? How long does it last?
- D. If we are saved by grace, how can we be lost by works?

#### III. Scripture Teaching

- A. Notice Romans chapter 8. Read these verses:  
1, 16, 27, 31-34
- B. Notice Psalm 37:23-24
- C. Notice Jude, verse 24
- D. Notice John 3:16; 10:27-28
- E. Make a list of other Bible references on eternal security