

Soaking Up the Psalms

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Big Idea: Face the Biblical facts of our sinful portrait that expose our desperate need for the key who is the only One that can set us free.

Psalm 14

Exposes the polluted man
Portrays the sinner

Psalm 15

Reveals the perfect man
Points to the Savior

WHAT MUST WE FACE TO LIVE RIGHT WITH GOD?

1. Face the facts revealed by the Word (vv 1-3)

4 Biblical facts about sin nature

1) It blinds the mind (2 Corinthians 4:4)

2) It darkens understanding and separates from the life of God (Ephesians 4:17-18)

3) It motivates senseless emotions (Romans 1:18-21)

4) It enslaves the human will to sin against God (Romans 6:20-21)

“All have turned away...all become corrupt...there’s no one who is good” – Human Depravity.

Total Depravity – “not standing the test” (the test to undo our sin nature and position ourselves to live in right relationship with God based on His holy standard.)

2. Face the fact no one can save themselves

Paul quotes Psalm 14:1-3 in Romans 3:9-12

Romans 3:13-18

- Throat
- Tongue (Psalm 5:9; 140:3)
- Lips (Psalm 140:3)
- Mouth (Psalm 10:7)
- Feet (Isaiah 59:7-8; Proverbs 1:16)
- Eyes (Psalm 36:1)

Romans 3:19-20 - the law is a spiritual mirror

THE KEY?

3. Face the fact Jesus Christ is the key

- *Romans 3:21-26*
- *Ephesians 2:4-5*

4. Embrace the truth Christ is painting (vv 4-7)

If you have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, Psalm 14 is a reminder.

- You are His (v 4)
- He made you righteous (v 5)
- He is your refuge (v 6)
- He is coming to restore His people, and you are invited (v 7)

What do we do until that takes place?

