



I. Perception

II. The Human Condition

Psalm 14:1-3

Foolish & Corrupt

Romans 3:10-18

Unrighteous & Irreverent

III. Reality

Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

Most people do not think of themselves as ‘bad’ people. Very few would characterize themselves as ‘evil’. The majority of people in your life are likely quite average in terms of kindness, civility & love. You probably can think of a handful who even excel in these areas & serve as role models for those around them.

Unfortunately however, human perception (especially self-perception) of goodness & righteousness, is not very accurate. This error finds its source in an appeal to an incorrect standard. Jesus Christ, not your neighbor, is the standard of goodness & holiness in God’s eyes. Compared to Jesus, all fail the test of holiness.

God has been watching humanity since the beginning. He sees every corrupt deed, knows every unrighteous thought & hears every irreverent word. The result is that humanity needs saving. Thankfully, Jesus came to seek & save the lost.

The reality of your situation is that you need God to save you. Have you ever asked Him to save you, to forgive you of your sin? Have you asked Him yet today to cleanse you from unrighteousness? Are you willing to let His saving work change you today & into the future?

Prayerfully ask God to reveal your need for salvation. Thank God that He has made a way for you to be saved & transformed day-by-day into a more Christ-like individual. Praise God for enabling you to see the reality of your need, the unfailing reach of His love & the new life that He makes possible through the Savior. Express your commitment to God to trust in Him even when the lost state of the world seems overwhelming & intimidating.