



Introduction

We now transition in the State of Nature. This is what man is after sin came into the world through one man.

Image of God

- Structure retained
 - The will, conscience, speech
 - Corrupted, but retained
- Functions lost
 - The use of the structures toward God, neighbor, and creation
 - Thoroughly corrupted.

Consequences of the Fall

- Corruption of all life
 - The entire globe (Isaiah 24:5-6)
 - All mankind (Romans 5:12)
- Corruption of nature
 - Unclean begets unclean (Job 14:4)
 - From conception (Psalm 51:5)
 - encompasses body and mind (Ephesians 2:3)
 - Children of wrath
- Corruption of understanding
 - The heart is deceitful (Jeremiah 17:9)
 - Righteousness is foreign (Romans 3:11)
 - Wise in their own eyes (Romans 1:21-23)
 - Understanding is apparent (Titus 1:16)
 - Spirit of God grants understanding (1 Corinthians 2:14)
- Corruption of affections
 - What flows from the heart is corrupt (Mark 7:20-23)
 - Affections for wrong things (Romans 1:24-25)
- Corruption of our whole self
 - Our minds fail us (Hebrews 2:1)
 - Our appetites are perverted (Philippians 3:19)
 - Our tongues are damnable (James 3:6)
- Corruption of will
 - Carry out the desires of our mind and flesh (Ephesians 2:1-3)
 - Can do nothing spiritually good (John 15:5, Romans 8:7)
 - Religious for carnal reasons (John 6:26, Hosea 11:7)
- Free Will?
 - Freedom of choice versus Moral ability
 - Structure of the will retained, function is destroyed



- Man has the ability to make choices since it is a part of the image of God
- Man does not have the moral capacity to please God with his will
 - “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.” John 6:44 ESV
 - “For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.” Romans 9:16 ESV
- Man is unable to restore himself.