

Romans 1:18-32 TOTAL DEPRAVITY or radical corruption, total moral inability, righteous incapability

<p>Definition: <i>depraved</i> #96 ἀδόκιμος</p>		<p>Fallen man:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CAN freely choose as he wants - but he is a sinner, depraved, by nature evil, and he will <u>always</u> freely choose in opposition to God
<p>Biblical usage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> = not approved = rejected, unfit, reprobate 	<p>Merriam Webster Dictionary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> = marked by corruption or evil = perverted 	
<p>Does NOT mean ...</p>	<p>DOES mean ...</p>	<p>Fallen man: natural man</p>
<p>1. ... that the image of God in man was totally lost in the fall</p> <p>2. ... that man has no knowledge of God or His will</p> <p>3. ... that man does not have a conscience or that he is totally unable to perceive good and evil</p> <p>4. ... that man is incapable of demonstrating virtue</p> <p>5. ... that all people are as evil or immoral as they could be or that all are equally immoral or wicked</p> <p>6. ... that all people indulge in every form of evil that exists</p>	<p>1. ... that the image of God in man has been defaced, disfigured, warped or distorted (Gen. 9:6; James 3:9)</p> <p>2. ... that the entire person has been corrupted, body, reason, emotions and will (Ro. 6:6, 7:24, 1:21, 26-27; 6:17)</p> <p>3. ... that everything he does is contaminated by his moral corruption (Isa. 64:6-7)</p> <p>4. ... that nothing he does is motivated by love for God or any desire to obey Him</p> <p>5. ... that man is born with a great propensity or inclination toward sin</p> <p>6. ... that man is inclined to greater and greater moral corruption and his deterioration would be very rapid if not restrained by God</p>	<p>1. CANNOT know, understand or accept the things of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they are foolishness to him (1 Co. 2:14) - he suppresses the truth of God (Rom. 1:18) <p>2. CANNNOT love God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - he is a hater of God, an enemy of God (Rom. 5:10) - he loves evil & does evil deeds (Jn. 3:19-20; Col 1:21) - he does not want God or His ways (Job 21:14-15) <p>3. CANNOT obey God or please God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - he is not able to subject himself to God - he is in the flesh, his mind set on the flesh (Rom. 8:7-9) <p>4. CANNOT and will not seek God (Ps. 14:1-3; Ps 53:1-3; Rom. 3:10-18)</p> <p>5. CANNOT change himself or make himself right before God (Job 14:4; Jer. 2:22; Jer. 13:23)</p> <p>6. CANNOT free himself from his sinful and depraved condition since he is spiritually dead (Eph. 2:1-3)</p>