

## The Nature of Man from His Birth

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### Introduction

1. *Total Hereditary Depravity* – One of five major doctrines compositely known as “Calvinism,” named after one of the main proponents, the sixteenth-century French theologian, John Calvin.
2. Psalm 8 – Compare the tenet of Calvinism to the fact that:
  - a. “Children” evidence the glory of God (Psa. 127:3-4; cf. Matt. 18:1-3).
  - b. “Celestials” evidence the glory of God (Psa. 19:1-3; Acts 14:15).
  - c. “Compassion” evidences the glory of God (Psa. 136:1ff; Rom. 11:33).
3. *Total Hereditary Depravity* is contrary to what the Bible says about:

### I. Our “Sin”

- A. Romans 3:23
- B. *Total Hereditary Depravity* is in disagreement with what the Bible says about the:
  1. “Definition” of our sins (1 John 3:4; 5:17).
  2. “Conception” of our sins (Jas. 1:14-15; e.g. Gen. 3:1-6).
  3. “Remission” of our sins (Acts 2:38; 10:43).
- C. cf. 1 John 1:6-2:2

### II. Our “Savior”

- A. 1 John 4:14
- B. *Total Hereditary Depravity* is in disagreement with what the Bible says about the:
  1. “Incarnation” of our Savior (John 1:2; Heb. 2:9-18 + 10:1-10).
  2. “Crucifixion” of our Savior (2 Cor. 5:19-20; 1 Pet. 3:21-24).
  3. “Mediation” of Jesus (Heb. 7:25; 9:24).
- C. cf. 1 Timothy 2:5

### III. Our “Salvation”

- A. Matthew 10:28-30
- B. *Total Hereditary Depravity* is in disagreement with what the Bible says about the:
  1. “Convictions” of our salvation (John 8:24; Rom. 5:1 + 4:12).
  2. “Conversion” [i.e. change of repentance] of our salvation (Acts 17:30; 2 Pet. 3:9).
  3. “Immersion” [baptism] of our salvation (Acts 16:22; 1 Pet. 3:20-21).
- C. cf. Matthew 1:21

### Conclusion

1. Psalm 8; cf. Hebrews 2:6-9
2. Genesis 1:1 + Revelation 22:21
  - a. The Bible begins with God and ends with Jesus.
  - b. Between: what God has done with Jesus for man.
  - c. It is, after all, a book of redemption.