

Our Depravity led to Jesus' Nativity 3:9-20

Charge: All of us are under the power of sin. 9

Having the Law and many promises does not protect the Jews from God's judgment; all people are under sin.

Proof: Scripture confirms we are all depraved. 10-18

- Extent of sin (10-12) 3:23, Ps. 14:1-3, 53:1-3, Ecc. 7:20
- Nature of sin (13-17) Ps. 5:9, 10:4, 36:1, 140:3, Isa.59:7.

Also see Isa. 59:12-15, 64:6,7, Jn. 3:19, 7:7, Rom. 1:26-32, I Cor. 6:9-11, Eph. 2:1-3, 4:17-19, Titus 3:3.

- Source of sin (18) This is the cause of our sinfulness.

Question: The doctrine of total depravity is clearly taught here, but what does this actually mean and not mean?

Verdict: All of us are accountable to God. 19-20

- The Law here probably refers to the entire OT, as Paul quoted from the Psalms and Isaiah. It exposes our sinful condition in order to bring people to God, Gal. 3:19-24.
- Once our mouth is shut . . . what can happen?

Result: Matt. 1:21, Lk. 2:9-11, I Tim. 1:15.

