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Total Hereditary Depravity

"You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you" (Ezekiel 28:15).

**SO TEACH US TO NUMBER
OUR DAYS, THAT WE MAY
PRESENT A HEART OF
WISDOM.**

- PSALM 90:12

Articles

Carrying About, 4/11/2025 by Terry Wane Benton

What mental and emotional baggage do we carry that weighs us down and makes our hearts heavy? Paul speaks of being persecuted, hard-pressed on every side, and perplexed, but these things were not what he “carried about” in his heart (II Corinthians 4:6-16). The way these negative things became bearable was because he was “always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus” and by letting his mind carry Jesus death and the suffering that brought about Jesus’ death “the life of Jesus” could become manifest in his body (II Corinthians 4:8-10).

Thus, Paul always considered being like Jesus in his handling of persecution and pressures of various sorts. He learned not to carry about the resentment and anger of being rejected and persecuted. He chose instead to use these things as an opportunity to gain some perspective on what Jesus suffered for him.

Jesus went through this and more for me. Instead of despairing and being crushed by how people treated him, he chose to think about the suffering Jesus went through to save him. By shifting from a “woe is me” pity party to a greater appreciation for what Jesus went through for us, he had to feel amazed that Jesus loved him so much.

From letting people make you feel worthless and unloved to letting it remind you of the love of Christ, it puts a greater perspective on letting the life of Christ prevail in us and through us.

Don’t carry about the wrong things. Carry about the way Jesus suffered and died for you. That should make you feel very special. Jesus is so much greater than anything or anyone who has hurt you. Jesus experienced all of that rejection and hurt, and was willing to go through it all because He loved you to His own rejection and death on the cross. Let that bring new life and perspective to your heart. What are you carrying about?

Pick Your Jesus, 4/11/2025 by Terry Wane Benton

Paul said some were preaching “another Jesus” (II Corinthians 11:3-4). That was by picking the things they liked about the real Jesus, mixing in a few of their desires, avoiding the things they did not like about what the real Jesus said, and now we can talk about the Jesus we have invented.

Unfortunately, this is what has happened over the years that has caused the invention of all kinds of denominations. Each has its own version of “another Jesus.” But, unfortunately, too many brethren want a Jesus who does not mind social drinking, lascivious dance, lascivious and immodest clothing, or one who approves of us no matter how uninvolved and uncommitted our lives are to the common good and strength of His church.

Love Him and the brethren little or much, you can get your ticket punched for another week of acceptance with Jesus as long as you take the communion.

There is a danger of self-deception by just grabbing out of thin air what we want to believe about Jesus and His will for our lives. The Bible must be handled regularly, carefully, honestly, and completely committed to the King in all that He says. Otherwise, we have simply bought into the common “pick your Jesus” mentality, and that Jesus has no real power to save. The real Jesus came to save us from sin, not to save us in the sin of our choice. We must seek and find the right Jesus, the one revealed and confirmed by the Holy Spirit in the testimony of the New Testament! Revelation over imagination!