

## ABC 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021 – Total Depravity

A Reformed Doctrine of Grace:

Total Depravity

Unconditional Grace

Limited Atonement

Irresistible Grace

Perseverance of the Saints

### **Total Depravity**

#### 1. Everyone is Totally Sinful

- It is who we are (Psalm 51)

‘As extensive as original sin is in humanity as a whole, so it is also in the individual person. It holds sway over the whole person, over mind and will, heart and conscience, soul and body, over all one’s capacities and powers’ (Bavinck, Vol. 3 p.119)

- It is what we do (Psalm 14; Gen. 6:5-8; 8:21)

‘Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.’ (WSC Qu.14)

Sins of omission – where we do not do what God’s law requires of us.

Sins of commission – where our actions go against the law of God.

- It renders us worthy for destruction (Eph. 2:1-3)

## 2. Everyone is Spiritually Dead (John 3:1-21)

‘What humans have lost is the free inclination of the will toward the good. They now no longer want to do good; they now voluntarily, by nature of inclination, do evil’ (Bavinck, Vol. 3 p.121)

### Questions:

1. *Do we have any questions about Total Depravity?*
2. *How has this study changed our understanding of it?*
3. *How can we continually remind ourselves of the extent and seriousness of our sin?*
4. *How is this different to how the world views people?*