**Guilt 1:18-3:20**

1. Universal Corruption – Guilt – Condemnation
2. The Guilt of idolatries 1:18-32 (Gentiles)

…Suppress the truth in unrighteousness…Neither were thankful …changed the truth of God into a lie…worshiped and served the creature…vile affections…reprobate mind…

1. The Guilt of Hypocrites 2:1-6

2:1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

2:3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

1. The Guilt of Religionists 2:17-24 (Jews)

2:23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?

2:24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

1. The Guilt of All 3:9-19

…we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles that they are all under sin…

…none righteous, no not one…none that does good, no not one…

3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

1. This passage establishes (beyond any doubt) the doctrines of man’s total depravity/radical corruption and man’s universal guilt and condemnation.

Confessionally expressed: All men are born “dead in sin, and wholly defied in all the faculties and parts of soul and body.” They are “utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil.

Understanding

1. Rom. 1:18-3:20 (and the doctrine derived from it) is essential to a correct understanding of:

The Gospel message

The Graciousness of salvation

The indebtedness of the redeemed sinner

The utter corruption of our old man/flesh

The necessity of examining everything

The wickedness of the “world” (P.E. )

1. What do you say to a critic who says that

The confessional expression of total depravity/radical corruption stated in II above is shown to be wrong by history and personal experience.

1. The outward manifestation of man’s Total Depravity/Radical Corruption is mitigated by a number of factors normally associated with “common grace”.

Gen 20:6 And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

Matt. 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Rom. 2:14-15 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

Rom. 2:17-18 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and restest in the law, and makest thy boast of God, And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;

Rom. 13:1,4 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.