

## Man's Radical Fallenness

### Glimmerings of Natural light (Canons 3/4; 4) Genesis 2:7

#### 1. Body:

- Created out of the dust of the ground as were the animals (Genesis 1:24).
- Man is an integral part of this earthly creation. He depends on creation for its air, food, etc.
- Man is related most closely to the animals since they too were created out of the dust of the earth.

#### 2. Soul (spirit):

- Man was created with a **mind** (Job 32:8). He has intellect, knowledge and understanding. He is a rational being. He is able to memorize, recall, and deduce. He has reasoning.
- Man was created with a will. He is a volitional being. Man has certain desires or wants that can be the motivation behind his actions. Feelings are an aspect of this gift in man.

#### Note:

1. Man's soul is synonymous with his spirit. The spirit is not a separate faculty in a man.
  - Compare Ecclesiastes 12:7 to Revelation 6:9
  - Job 32:8, I Corinthians 2:11
2. The soul is referred to as a spirit because by virtue of our mind and will man is a spiritual being, that is, he knows by nature that there is a spiritual realm other than and earthly.
  - Knows there is a God that must be served (Romans 1:19, 20)
  - Knows there is right and wrong (Romans 2:14, 15)
  - Knows there is life after death (every pagan religion testifies of this).

### Moral/Ethical Darkness - the Image of Satan (?) John 8:44; Ephesians 2:2; Canons 3/4;1

#### 1. Lost the true knowledge of God and in its place entailed blindness of mind, darkness and perverseness of judgment. Colossians 3:9, 10; Canons 3/4; 1

- His understanding was darkened and blinded. Ephesians 4:18.
- Though knowing there is a God, man no longer feared God or loved him (Romans 3:11-18). He became an enemy of God. Romans 5:10; Ephesians 2:2
- The thoughts of man's heart were only evil continually ( Genesis 6:5).

#### 2. Lost his righteousness and became wicked (unrighteous) and rebellious. Ephesians 4:22-24; Canons 3/4; 1

- Man refuses to walk in God's commandments. Romans 8:7
- Though retaining the ability to choose, from a spiritual point of view man was so enslaved to sin that he would always choose against God and his commandments. Romans 8:7;

#### 3. Lost his holiness and became obdurate in heart and will and is impure in his affections. Ephesians 4:22-24; Canons 3/4;1

- Man now followed after the lusts and desires of his his sinful flesh (Ephesians 2:3).
- He is past feeling and given over to uncleanness. Ephesians 4:19
- No longer seeks God but seeks himself. Romans 3:11

#### Note:

1. Died spiritually. Became guilty before God and liable to eternal death (Romans 3:19). Became dead in sins and trespasses - total depravity (Ephesians 2:1-5).
2. Alienated from God's fellowship and favor. Instead of the object of God's love fallen man became the object of his hatred. Psalms 5:4-5 and 11:5.