

Scripture: Ps. 51

CoF: Art 15 (2)

Singing: 405:1, 5-7 – 103:1-4 – 143:1, 3 – 112:3-4

THE DARK AND NAKED TRUTH OF OUR FALLEN STATE

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II. We are utterly corrupt

A. Besides inherited guilt, we have inherited corruption (original sin)

1. God's own perspective: Gen. 6:5, 11; Mark 7:20-23 (Rom. 3:12)

2. David's perspective: Ps. 51:1-6 (Ps. 58:3; Titus 3:3, Eph. 2:3)

B. The summary: Jeremiah 17:9 & Romans 7:18 vs. 1 Peter 1:13-16

1. God searches our *heart* (Ps. 7:9)

2. God calls blessed hearts that *hunger and thirst for holiness* (Matt. 5:4)

3. God identifies the sins of the flesh: Gal. 5:19-21

C. Confessional summaries: CoF art. 15; Canons of Dort III/IV, art. 2-4; Cat. 113

From here ...

A. Each sinful bubbling of your corrupt heart is sin, **even if you don't act on it!**

B. Desires of the flesh towards the same sex, does not make you a worse sinner!

C. No condition of our fallen nature is beyond Christ's redemption: 1 Cor. 6:9-11



Dear children,

The sermon tonight will be a little difficult for you. It also is not a nice topic. But hopefully you can answer the following questions. There is always something to learn. May God bless you!

1. What is the sermon about? Circle all the topics you hear mention tonight!

- Creation – Flood – Jerusalem – Sin – Paradise – heaven – Adam – heart
- corruption – joy – guilt – peace – salvation – new heart – sinful thoughts

2. How come we have become so evil that even young children sin?

3. If you know someone really struggles with a sin, how could you help?

4. Can you fill in the blanks? If stuck check Ps. 51.

*Have _____ on me, O God. Wash me thoroughly from mine _____.
Behold, I was _____ in iniquity: and in _____ did my mother conceive me.
Wash me, and I shall be _____. Create in me a
_____, O God, and _____ a right _____ within me.*

5. True or False:

- ___ When you are saved, you will not sin anymore.
- ___ When you are in heaven, you will never struggle with sin anymore.

6. Can you think of two people, one in the Bible and one not in the Bible, in whom Jesus broke the chains of sin, like in the picture?