

**Christian World View**

**The Four States of Man**

**2<sup>nd</sup> • The Natural Man**

# The Four States of Man

the state  
of  
goodness

the state  
of  
depravity

the state  
of  
spiritual life

the state  
of  
eternal life

creation

the fall

salvation

the  
second  
coming

eternity



Adam & Eve

all mankind

all in Christ after  
salvation

all in Christ after  
the resurrection

*posse peccare*  
**able to sin**

*non posse non peccare*  
**not able not to sin**

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2<sup>nd</sup> · the state of depravity

the fall

salvation



the tree  
of the knowledge  
of good and evil



the tree of salvation  
the cross of Christ

all mankind

*non posse non peccare*

**not able not to sin**

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## goodness to depravity

the state  
of  
goodness

the state  
of  
depravity

**the fall**

unique creation

- image of God
- good nature
- federal head

responsible creation

free creation

- free agency
- mystery

dependent creation



Adam & Eve



all mankind

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## the fall of man

### Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden

**the test** → obedience

**the failure** → disobedience

temptation

lust

sin

**the judgment** → death

spiritual

physical

eternal

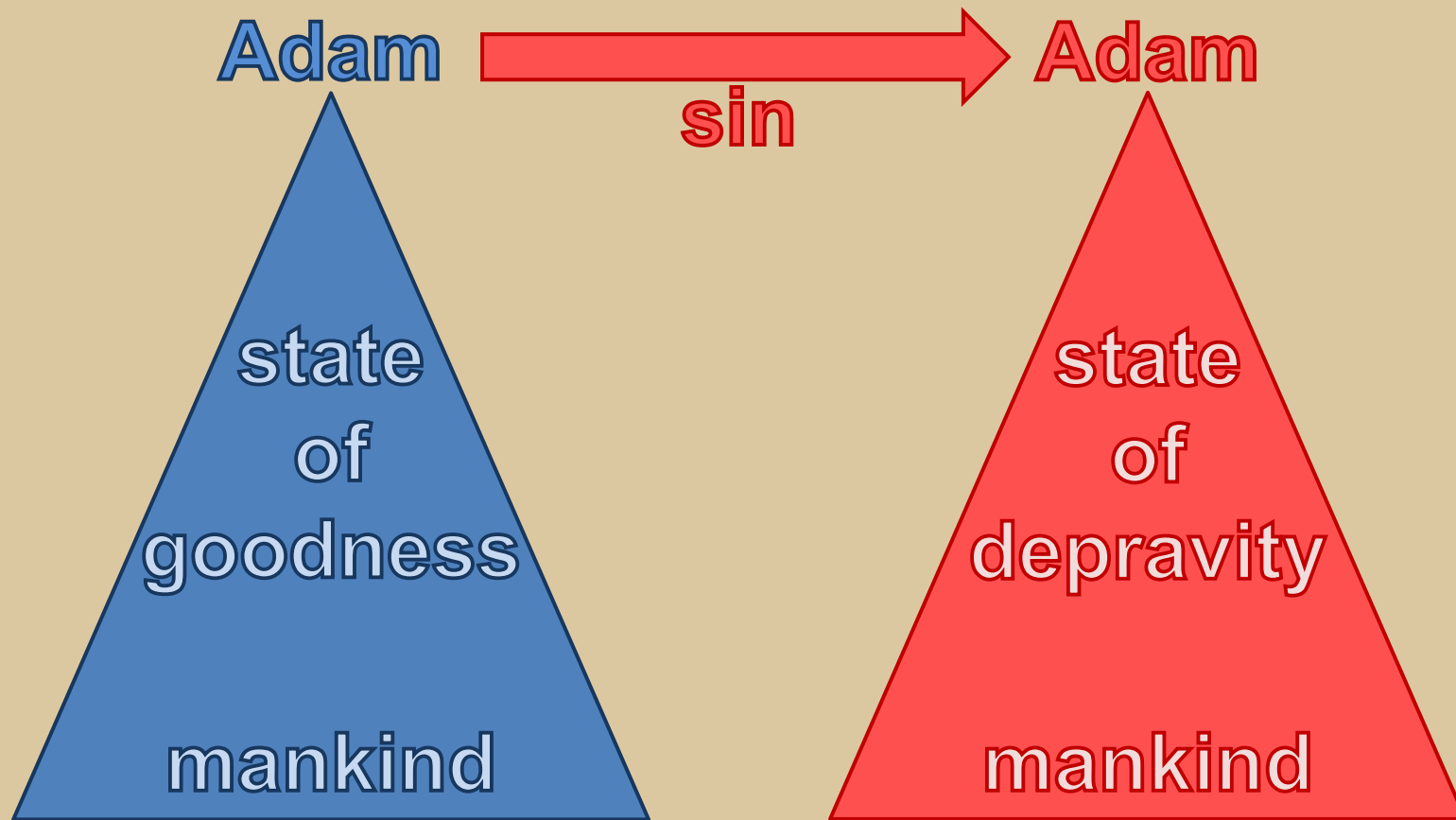


*“...the dragon, the serpent of old,  
who is the devil and Satan...”*

Revelation 12:9 · 20:2

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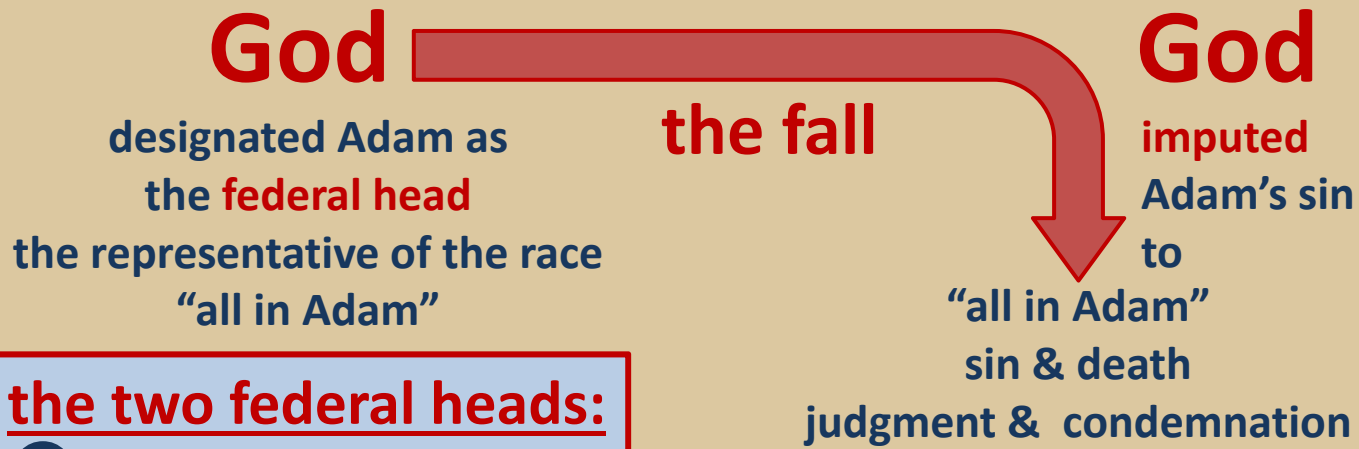
## the judgment of man



natural head = Adam is the father of the human race by generation  
federal head = Adam is the **representative** of the human race  
by divine **appointment** and divine **imputation**

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## the judgment of man



### the two federal heads:

- 1 Adam → all in Adam
- 2 Christ → all in Christ

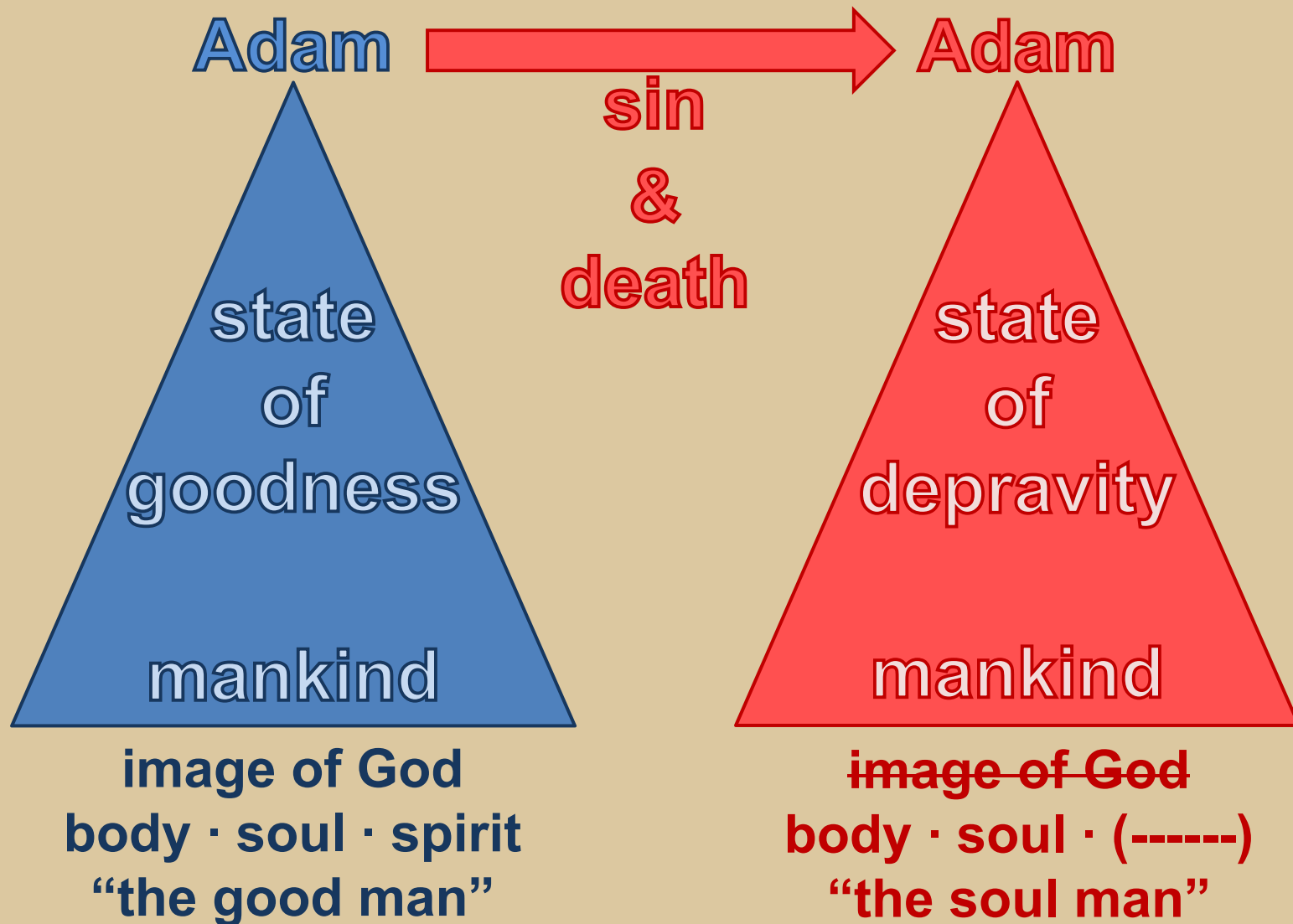
**imputation** = "to charge to the account of one what rightly belongs to another"

### the three imputations:

- 1 God imputed · at the fall · Adam's sin · to mankind
- 2 God imputed · at the cross · sinners' sin · to Christ
- 3 God imputes · at salvation · Christ's righteousness · to believers

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## the natural man





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## the nature · the natural man

the state  
of  
depravity

the  
natural  
man  
old nature  
man after  
the fall

all mankind

### the description of the nature:

- 1 **“lost”** = spiritually · astray unto destruction
  - word: “wholly” + “destroy”
  - “lost” = to be deprived of something
  - “perish” = to be ruined completely
- 2 **“blind”** = spiritually · no visual perception
  - to be without spiritual perception
  - to be unable to understand God’s truth
- 3 **“dead”** = spiritually · separated from life
  - to be without spiritual life
  - to be incapable of making alive

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## the nature · the walking dead

the state  
of  
depravity

the  
natural  
man  
old nature  
man after  
the fall

all mankind

### the walk of the nature:

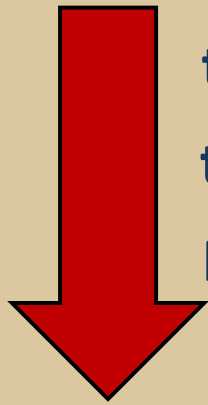
- 1 **total corruption** · every part of man's nature is corrupted by sin and death
- 2 **total alienation** · every part of man's nature is estranged from God
- 3 **total hostility** · every part of man's nature is angry with God
- 4 **total rebellion** · every part of man's nature is defiant of the authority of God
- 5 **total bondage** · every part of man's nature is enslaved to sin and death

**“total”** = always every part · not always evidenced · not always expressed fully

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## the perspectives of God & man

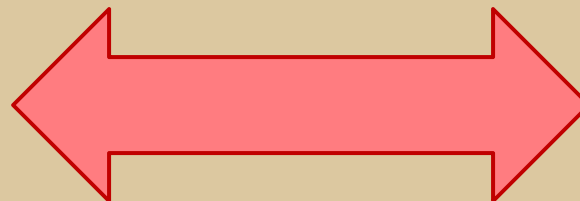
# God



the holy God looking at sinful man  
the biblical perspective · theology  
Psalm 14 · Psalm 53 · Romans 3:10-18



sinners looking at sinners

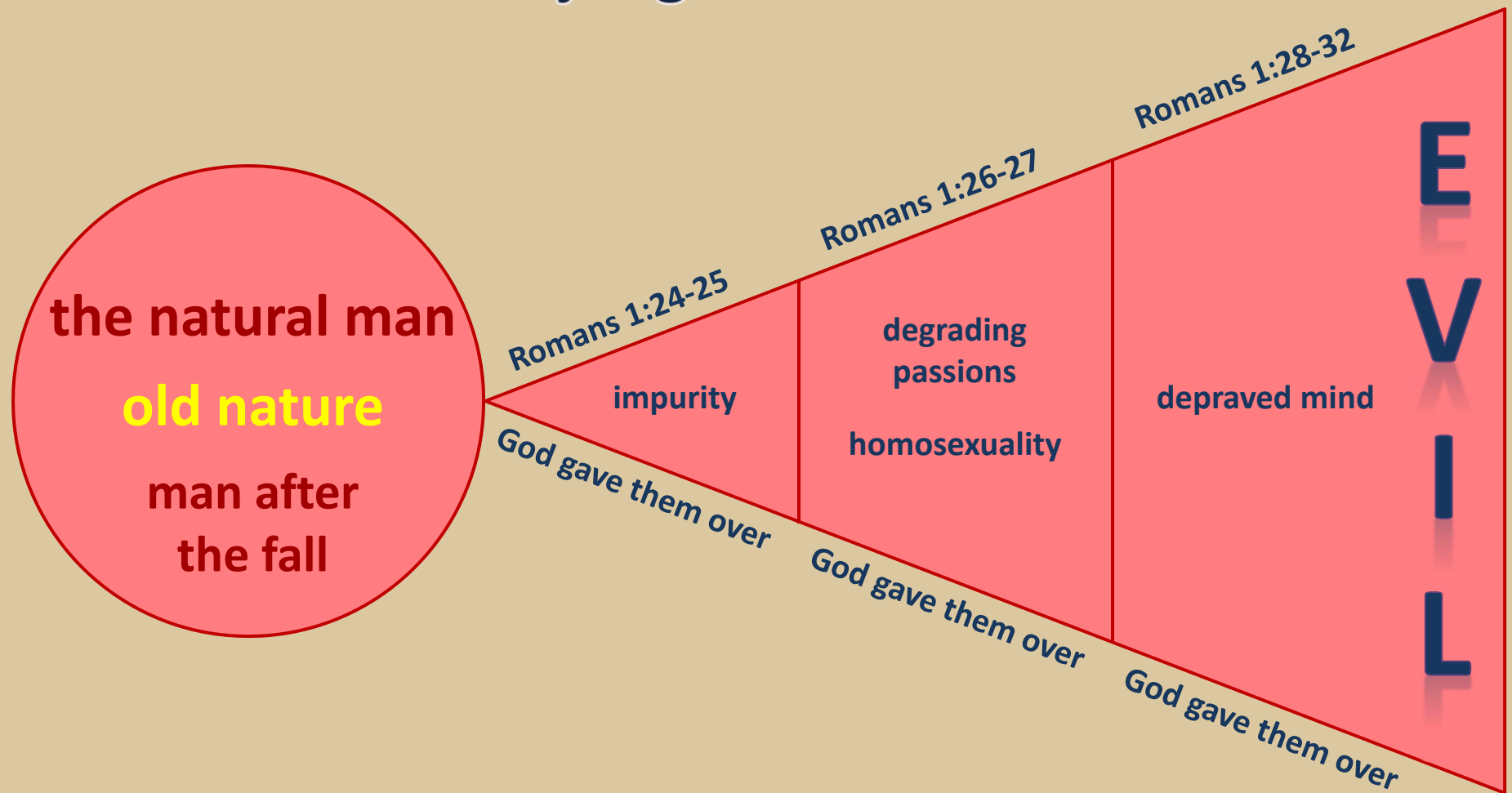


the human perspective  
psychology



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## the judgment of man



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## the plight of the natural man

### all under sin

“There is none righteous, no, not one; there is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God; they have all gone out of the way; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one” (Romans 3:10-12).

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

### all without excuse

the witness of God to every heart:

Romans 1:18-21 → the knowledge of God

→ “suppress”

Romans 2:13-15 → the knowledge of right & wrong

→ “conscience”

Romans 1:31 → the knowledge of the judgment to come

→ “know but approve”

### all under the curse

“the curse” · Genesis 3 · land, life & labor

the situation is helpless and hopeless

there is no hope in man · Ecclesiastes 1-12



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## the condition of the natural man

### the sinful state

sinner in Adam  
sinner by nature  
sinner by choice

### the spiritual state

spiritually lost  
spiritually blind  
spiritually dead

### the state · standing before God

total corruption  
total alienation  
total hostility  
total rebellion  
total bondage

### the state · witnessed by God

knowledge of God  
knowledge of right and wrong  
knowledge of the judgment to come



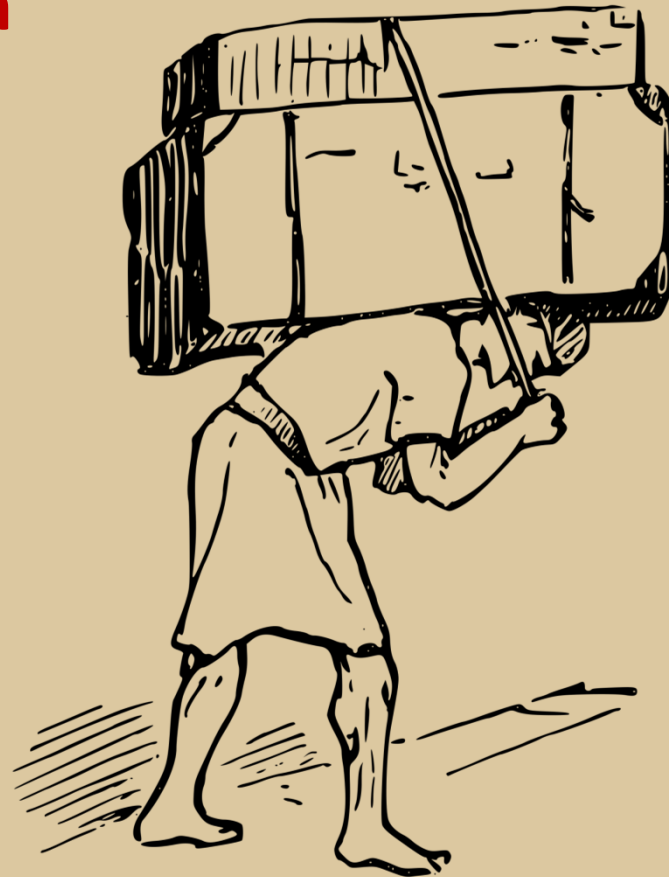
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## the hope of the natural man

### hope in man

#### expectations:

- meaningless life
- sin and death
- judgment of God  
in hell  
in the lake of fire
- forever ...



### hope in God

#### expectations:

- salvation is of  
the LORD
- salvation by grace  
through faith  
in Christ alone!
- full forgiveness
- full righteousness
- the blessing of God  
in heaven  
in the new heavens  
& the new earth
- forever with the Lord