

Christian World View

The Four States of Man

2nd • The Natural Man

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the state
of
goodness

the state
of
depravity

the state
of
spiritual life

the state
of
eternal life

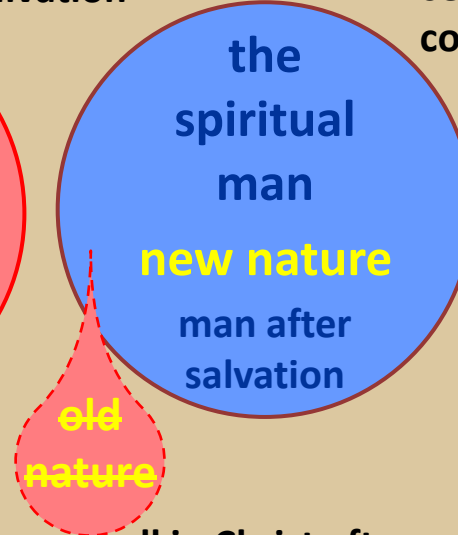
creation

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

posse non peccare
able not to sin

non posse peccare
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2nd · 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

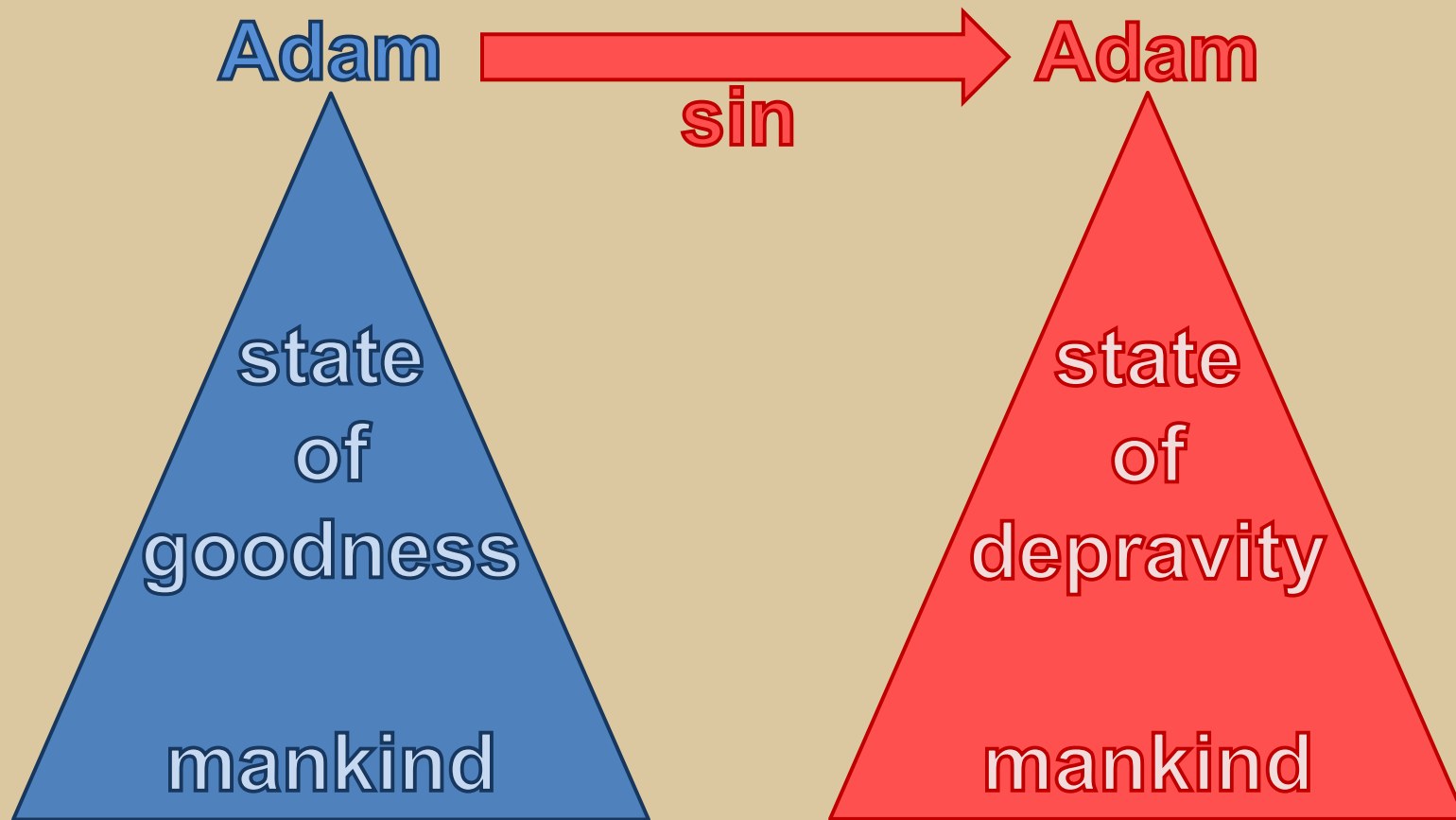


*“...the dragon, the serpent of old,
who is the devil and Satan...”*

Revelation 12:9 · 20:2

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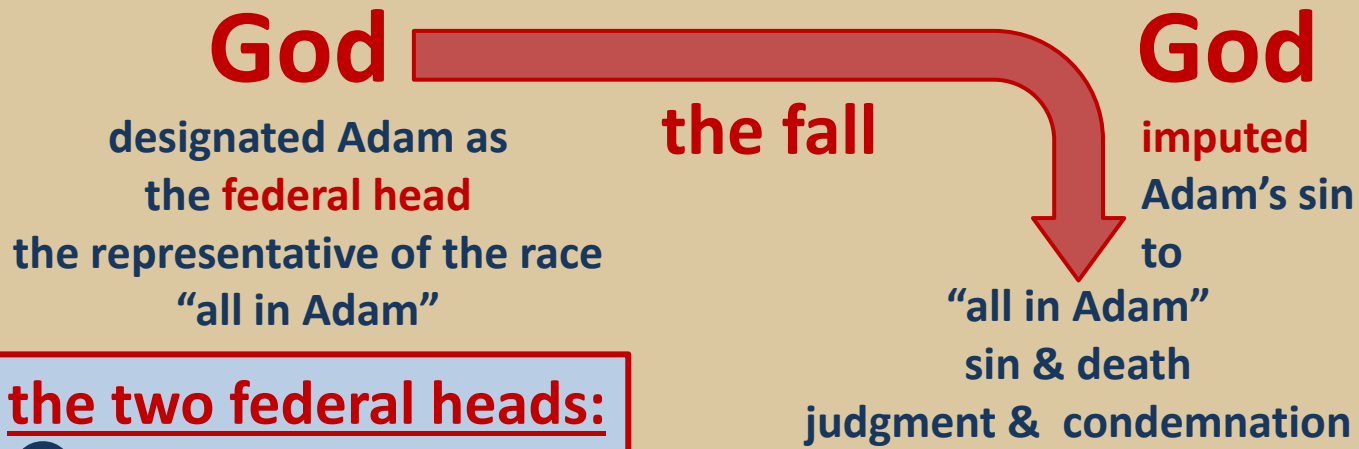
the judgment of man



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

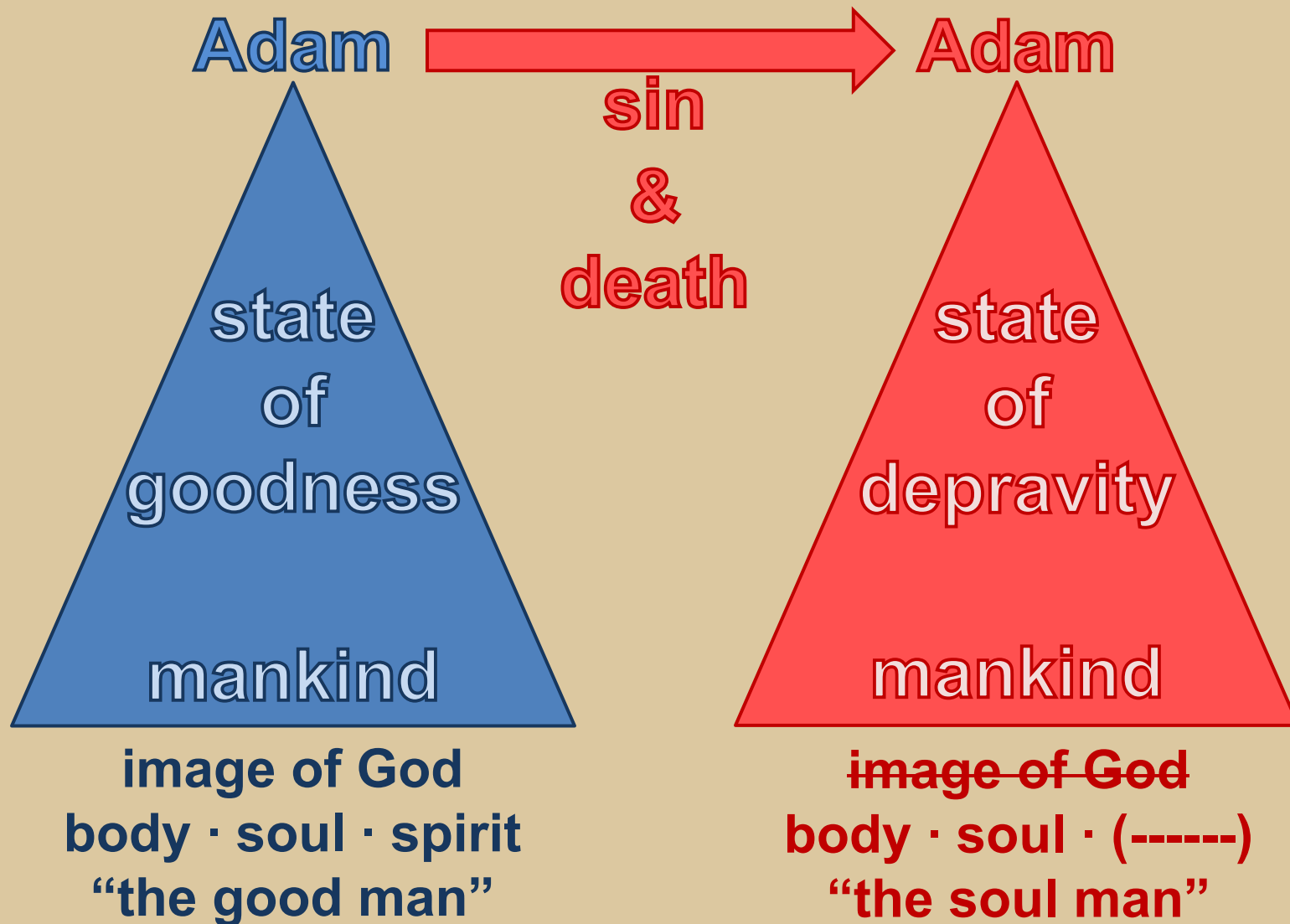
imputation = "to charge to the account of one what rightly belongs to another"

the three imputations:

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|---|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 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

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the walk of the nature:

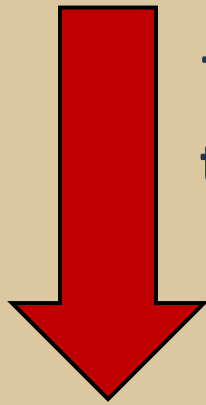
- 1 **total corruption** · every part of man's nature is corrupted by sin and death
- 2 **total alienation** · every part of man's nature is estranged from God
- 3 **total hostility** · every part of man's nature is angry with God
- 4 **total rebellion** · every part of man's nature is defiant of the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

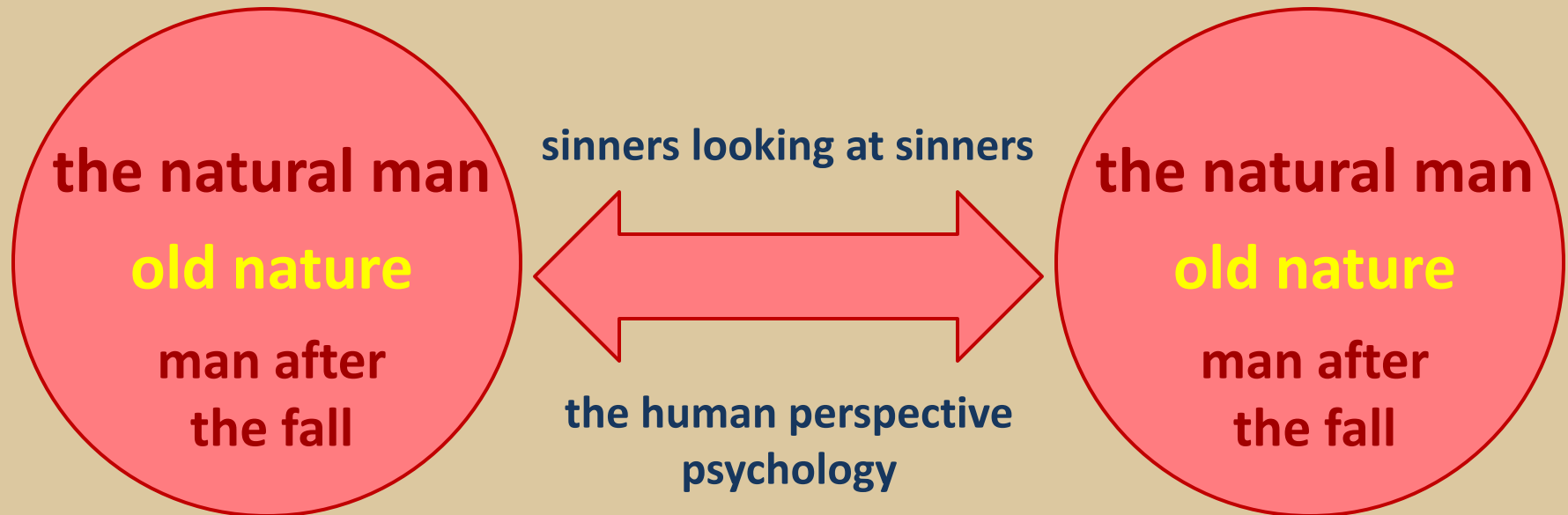
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the perspectives of God & man

God

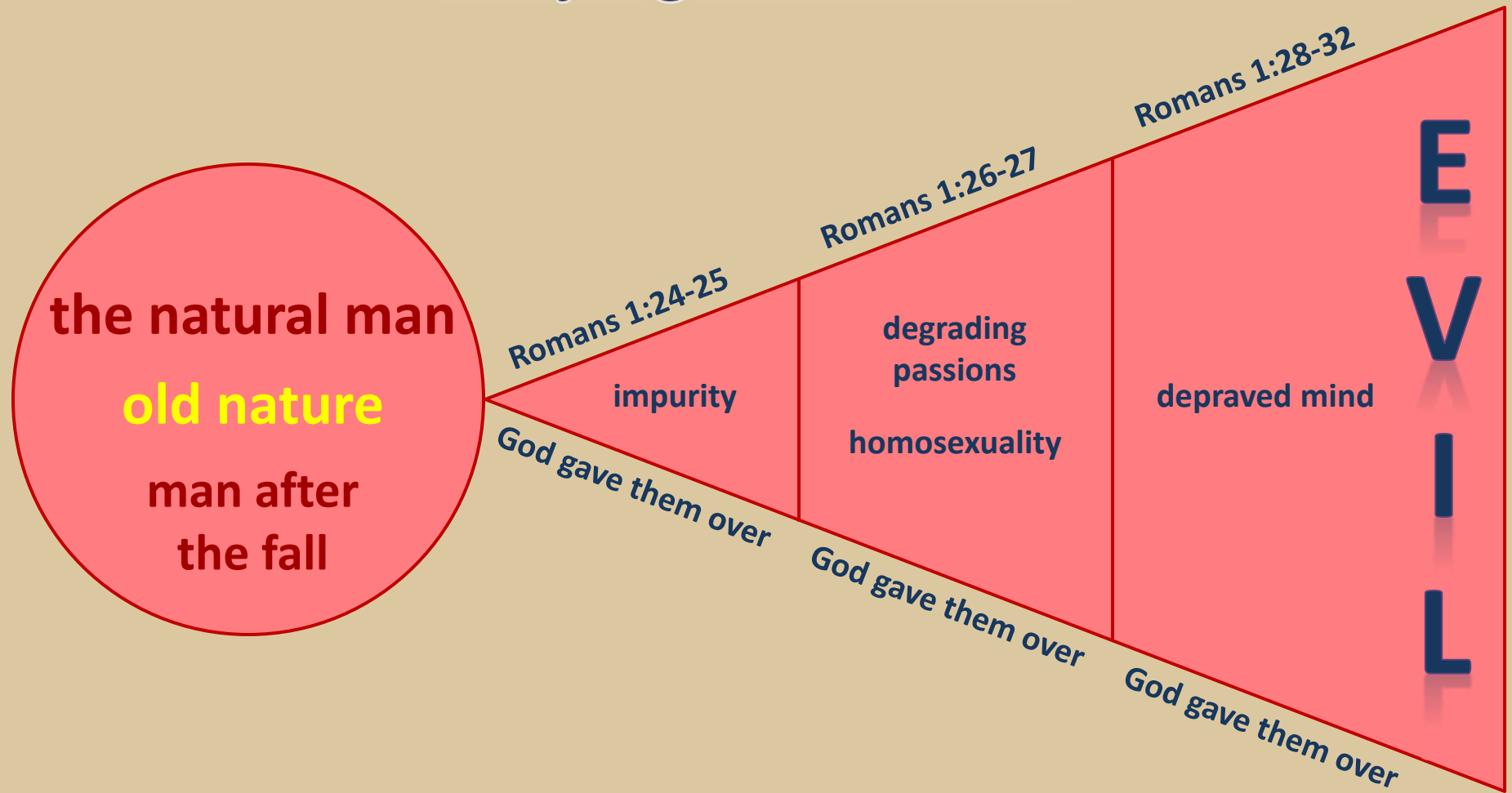


the holy God looking at sinful man
the biblical perspective · theology
Psalm 14 · Psalm 53 · Romans 3:10-18



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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



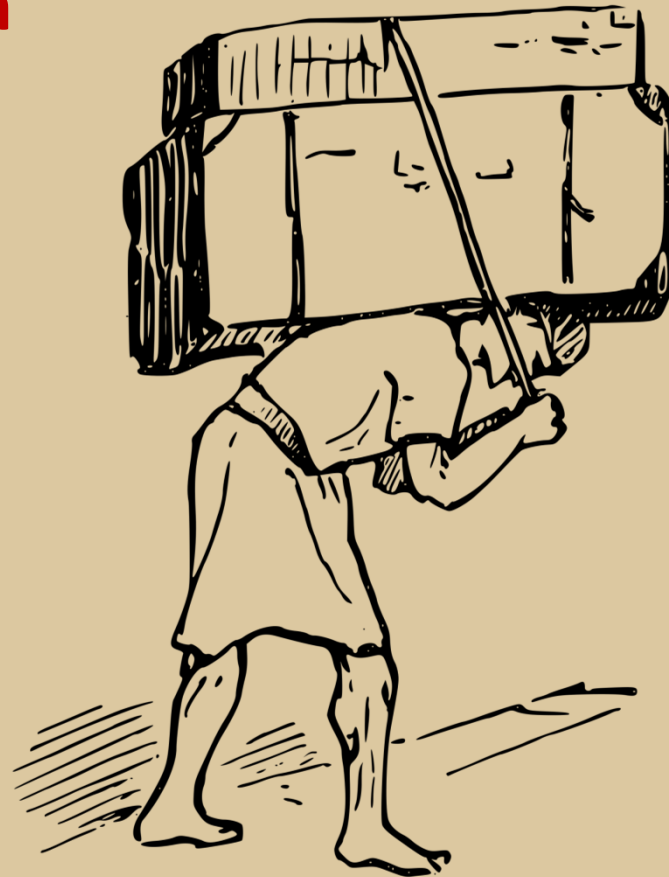
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the hope of the natural man

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