

Christian World View

THE STATES OF MAN

2nd • 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

posse peccare
able to sin



all mankind

non posse non peccare
not able not to sin



all in Christ after
salvation

posse non peccare
able not to sin



all in Christ after
the resurrection

non posse peccare
not able to sin

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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

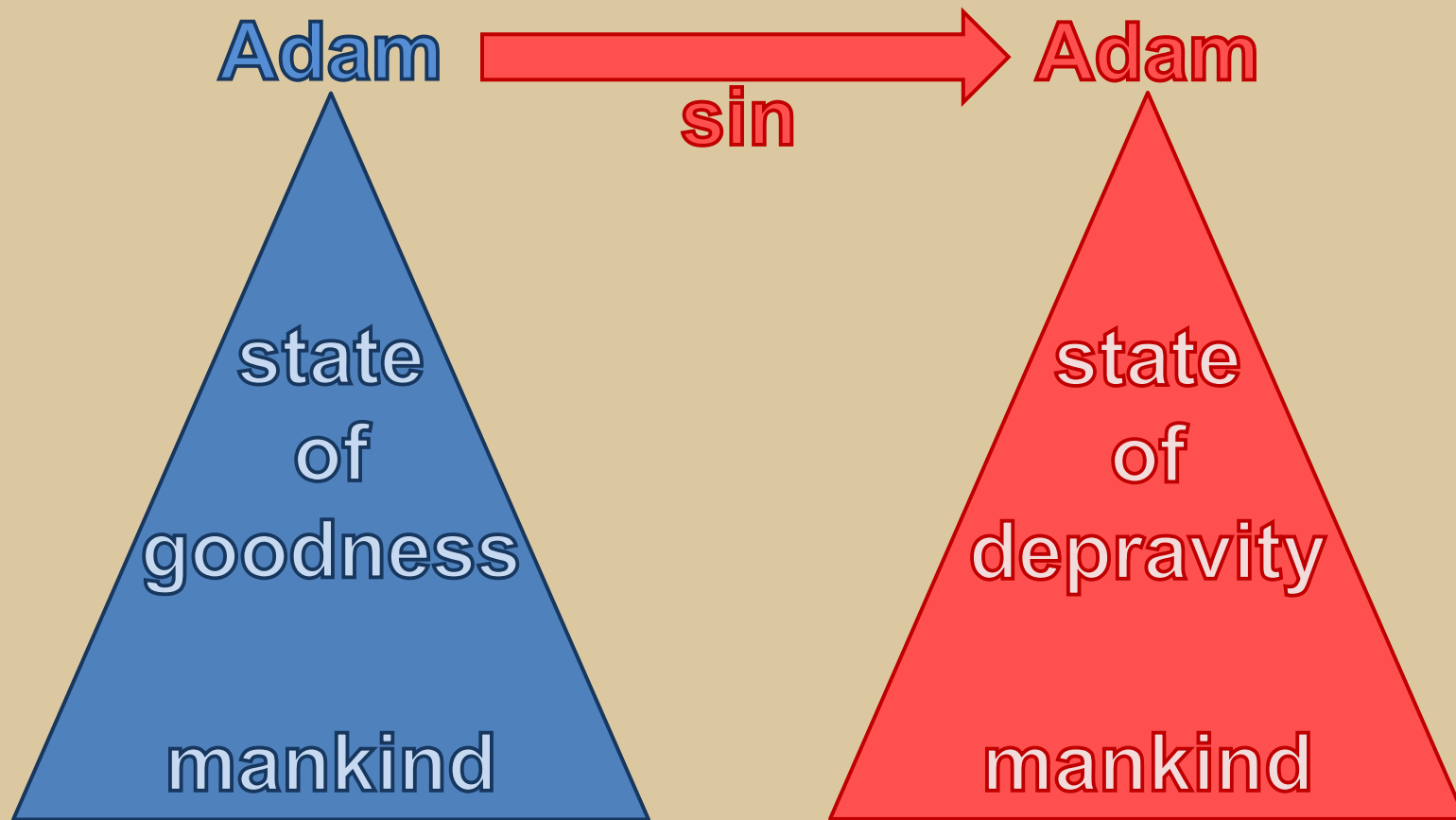


*“...the dragon, the serpent of old,
who is the devil and Satan...”*

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

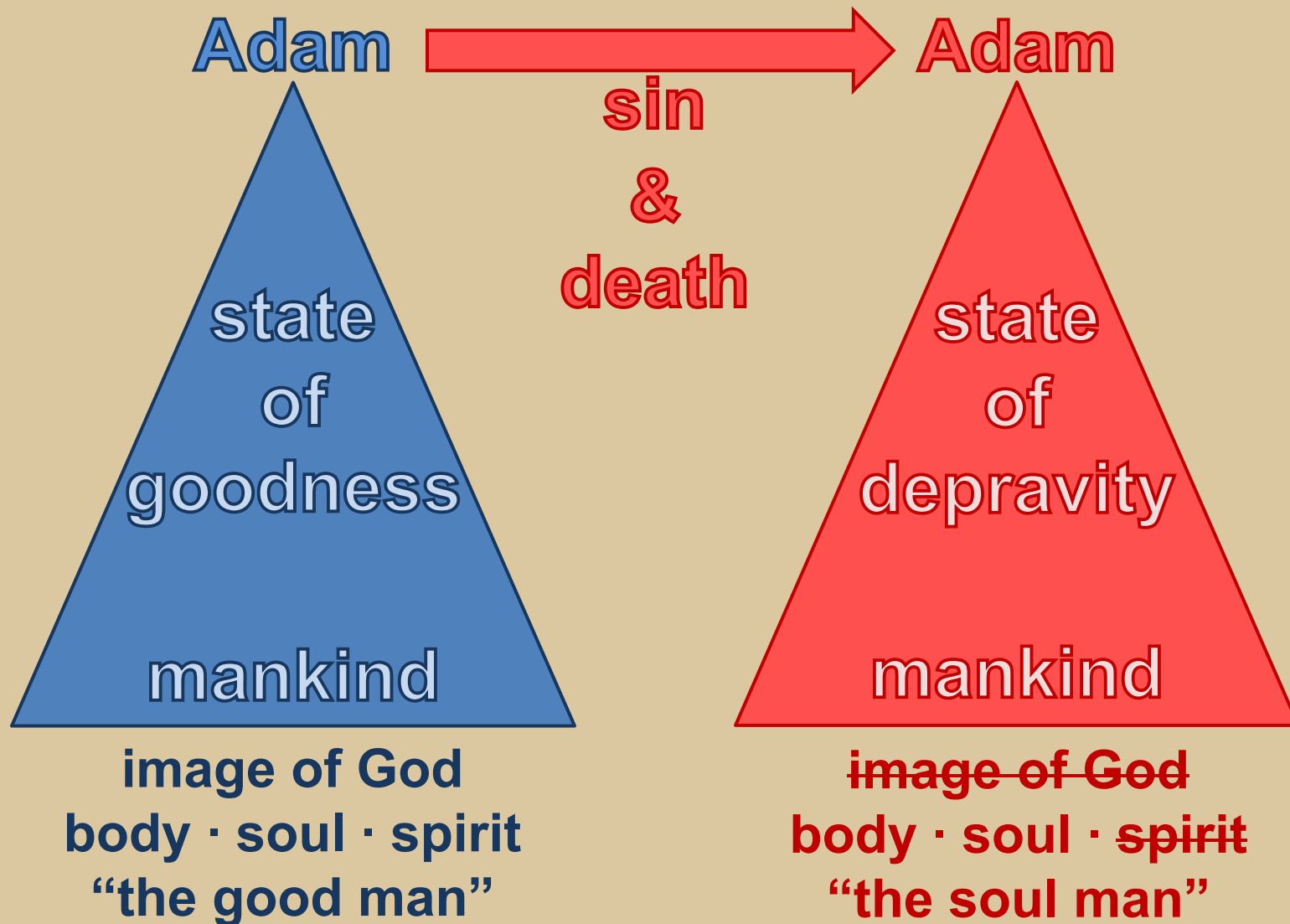
imputation = "to charge to the account of one what rightly belongs to another"

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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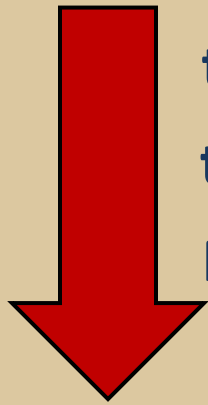
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the perspectives of God & man

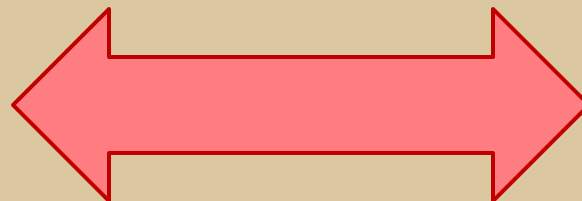
God



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



sinner's looking at sinners



the human perspective
psychology



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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



all mankind

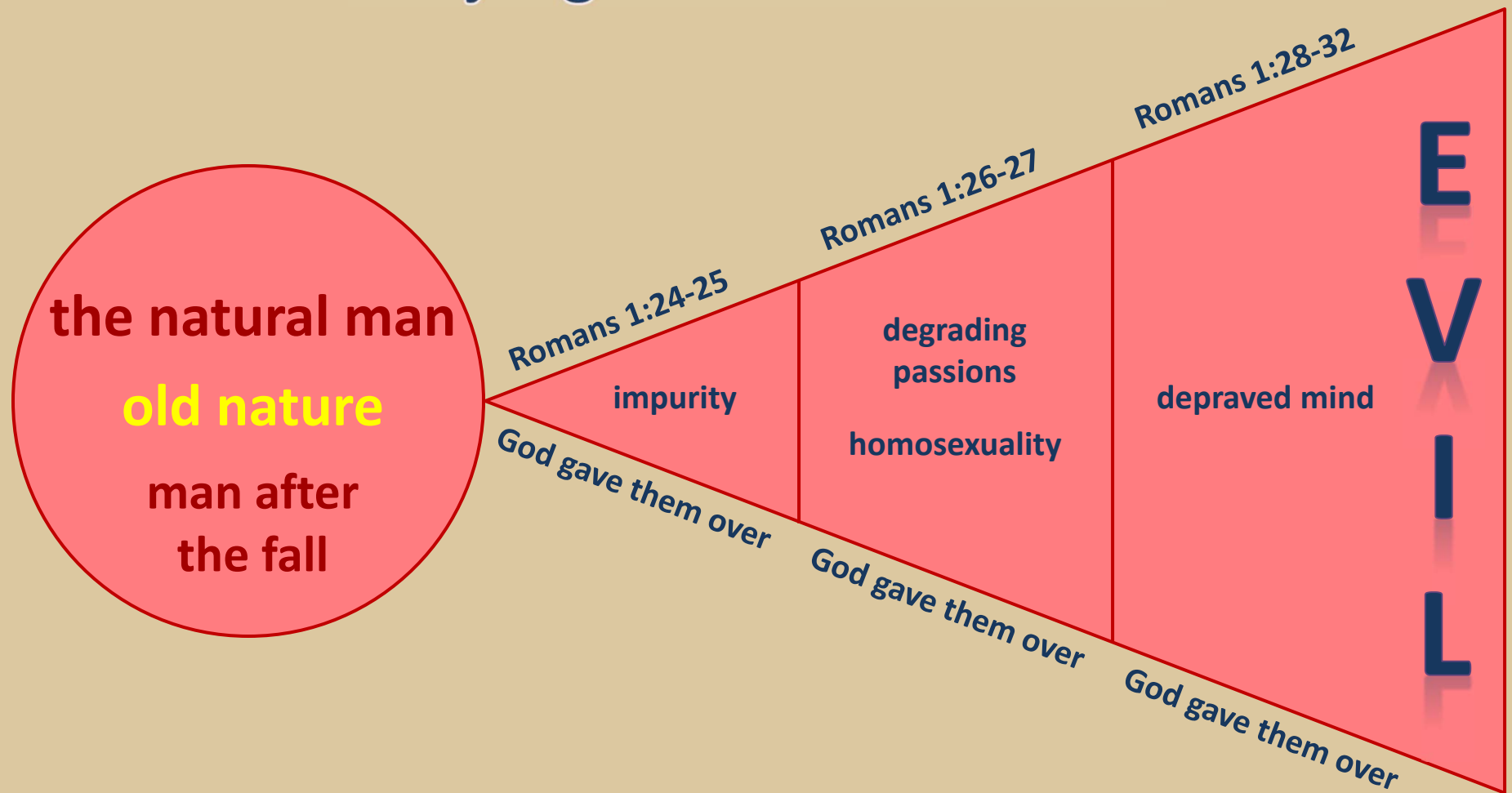
the walk of the nature:

- 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 judgment of man in life



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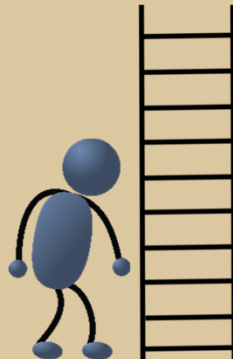
the condition of the natural man

**sinners in Adam
sinners by nature
sinners by choice**

**all under the curse
all under sin and death
all without excuse
all under judgment**

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

**the pit
of
despair**



**spiritually lost
spiritually blind
spiritually dead**

**total corruption
total alienation
total hostility
total rebellion
total bondage**

**no help in man · helpless
no hope in man · hopeless**

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the journey of the natural man

the walk of the natural man

physically alive · spiritually dead

body · soul / ~~spirit~~

a dying body · a lost soul

... living in the world of spiritual darkness
separated from God

... under the authority of
the world, the flesh, and the devil

... under the burden of sin and death
guilt and shame

... fully responsible and accountable to God

*“For what does it profit a man
to gain the whole world
and lose his own soul?”*

Mark 8:36



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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

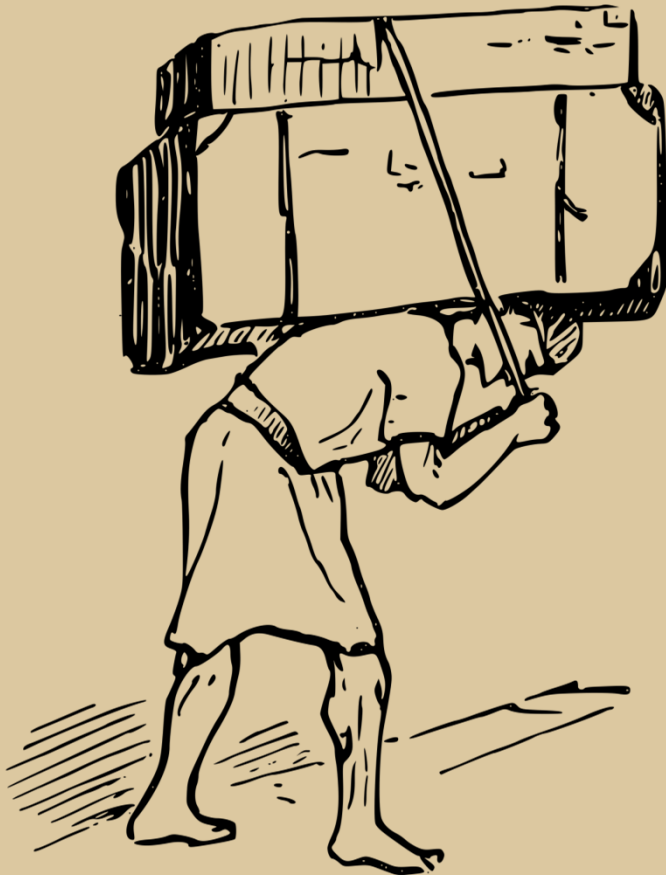
expectations:

- 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

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the ONLY hope of the natural man

hope in God



For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:3-7