

Theological Foundations for Leadership (TFL)
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Lesson #3 — “Restoring a Glorious Ruin”

LESSON INTRODUCTION.

I. THE ORIGINAL DESIGN

1. Mankind was created to reflect God’s image (Genesis 1:27)
 - (1) The _____ view
 - (2) The _____ view
 - (3) The _____ view
2. Implications
 - (1) We affirm the sacredness, dignity and _____ of human life apart from utility.
 - (2) We were to serve as _____ of creation for God.
 - (3) We were to _____ fellowship with God.

II. A GLORIOUS RUIN

1. When Adam and Eve took the _____, the cosmic richter scale went nuts (Genesis 3).
 - (1) Began with rebellion
 - (2) Led to alienation
2. The “fall/quake” has affected everything (Romans 8:18-25)
 - (1) Creation is broken
 - (2) Humanity is broken
 - i) _____
 - ii) _____
 - iii) _____
3. We are now born into a _____ depraved condition (original sin).

III. THE PROBLEM OF THE SIN NATURE

1. The Bible calls the sin nature, the _____ (which is opposed to the Spirit).
2. The flesh is not my _____.
3. Paul deals with the power of the sin nature/flesh in Romans 7:13-8:1.
4. There are four states of man with regard to the sin nature:
 - (1) Integrity (in the garden) — Man was able to _____ sin.
 - (2) Depravity (after the fall) — I am unable to not sin (the bondage of the will).
 - (3) Recovery (after regeneration) — I am able to sin, but not _____ to sin (due to the presence of the Holy Spirit).
 - (4) Glory (in heaven/new earth) — I _____ be able to sin.

IV. THE ROLE OF THE LAW

1. The law was not given to be an _____ for salvation.
2. The law is a _____ and a _____.
3. The law was given to show us our _____ for Jesus, and to _____ us to Jesus.
 - (1) Romans 3:19-25
 - (2) Galatians 3:23-24

V. THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL

1. Jesus is the _____, and perfect Adam (Romans 5:12-21)
2. He came to be a _____, fulfilling the law and suffering the penalty/serving the sentence.
3. The gospel now calls us to believe and receive the _____ of Jesus' obedience and sacrifice.
4. Jesus replaces Adam as our _____.
5. The gospel is the antithesis of _____.

Q & A // DISCUSSION

CONCLUSION.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

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Salvation Belongs to the Lord, John Frame

Foundations of the Christian Faith, James Boice

Institutes of the Christian Religion, John Calvin

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Doctrine, Mark Driscoll and Gerry Breshears