

The Canons of Dort, Parts III & IV

"Human Corruption and Conversion"

Romans 5:12-17

Going Beyond the sermons into the Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on November 11, 2018

Entering In:

Share your (or someone's) conversion experiences.

1. Article 1 asserts that "human beings were originally created in the image of God and were furnished" with some gifts from God. What gifts were originally given to man?

What does "by his own free will" tell us about Adam and his sin?

List 4 facts from Romans 5:12.

How do these apply to you? How do they apply to all men?

Pelagians claim that Adam's sin didn't affect all humanity, but rather provided a bad example for humans to follow. How would you refute their doctrine of *original sin* with Scripture?

How does your own experience confirm the truth of what Scripture teaches?

2. Article 3 says, "All people are conceived in sin and are born children of wrath, unfit for any saving good, inclined to evil, dead in their sins, and slaves to sin."

Does this mean that man is as morally corrupt as he possibly could be? If not, what does it say about man's nature?

How does the world view man's moral nature?

On what presupposition(s) do they base their view?

What evidence do they offer to support their view of man's moral nature?

Is this evidence sufficient to conclude that man is *basically good*? Why or why not?

People often criticize Calvinists as being radically pessimistic or even anti-humanistic because of "Total Depravity." How would you correct their wrong view of the doctrine of *total depravity*?

What would you tell a mother who claims that her baby is not sinful?

If that baby were to die, what hope or comfort could you offer to that mother from the Scriptures?

3. How was Adam a pattern of *the one to come*?

Who is the one to come?

What is Paul's point in saying this?

4. Arminians believe that salvation comes through *common grace*. What do *they* think common grace is?

What is common grace?

Why is common grace insufficient to save?

How do we receive God's special grace?

List all the actions of the Holy Spirit from Article 11.

Does this article exclude infants and/or people who, because of some mental deficiency, are not able to understand the gospel from salvation? If not, why not?

5. What is the gift mentioned in verses 15-16?

What does verse 15 tell us about Jesus' sacrifice?

How is the gift *not* like the result of Adam's sin?

How is God's provision of grace described?

What does this mean to you?

How will those who receive the gift "reign in life"?

6. When the elect bear the fruit of "gratitude" and "humility", what will they likely do?

What are the *means* of salvation? (Article 17)

Living It Out:

Pray that you may continue to bear fruit that shows God's grace.

