

# Calvinism – Inability of Man

## #1 — Man is Born In Sin

### ■ Job 15:14 NASB

"What is man, that he should be pure, Or he who is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

### ■ Psalm 51:5 NASB

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

### ■ Psalm 58:3 NASB

The wicked are estranged from the womb; These who speak lies go astray from birth.



## #2 — Man is by Nature a Child of Wrath

### ■ Ephesians 2:3 NASB

Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.



## #3 — Man's Intent from his Youth is Evil

### ■ Genesis 8:21 NASB

The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.



## #4 — Man is Wicked and Every Intent of the Thoughts of his Heart is only Evil Continually.

### ■ Genesis 6:5 NASB

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.



## #5 — Man has Inherited Adam's Sin Nature as this has been Imputed to all of Humanity.

### ■ Romans 5:12 NASB

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned-

### ■ 1 Corinthians 15:22 NASB

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.



## #6 — Man is Under Adam's Headship and is a Slave to Sin

### ■ John 8:34 NASB

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.

■ Romans 6:17-18 NASB

But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, [18] and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.



#7 — Man is at Enmity with God and Unable to Subject Himself to the law of God.

■ Romans 8:6-8 NASB

For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, [7] because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, [8] and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.



#8 — Man is Hostile to God

■ Colossians 1:21 NASB

And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds,



#9 — Man's Heart is Wicked and Desperately Sick

■ Jeremiah 17:9 NASB

"The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?



#10 — Man is Incapable of Understanding Spiritual Things

■ Matthew 13:11-17 NASB

Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. [12] For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him. [13] Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. [14] In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'You WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE; [15] For THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I WOULD HEAL THEM.' [16] But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. [17] For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

■ John 1:5 NASB

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

■ John 8:43-47 NASB

Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word. [44] You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. [45] But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. [46] Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me? [47] He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God."

■ John 10:26-27 NASB

But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. [27] My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow

Me;

■ **Acts 22:9 NASB**

And those who were with me saw the light, to be sure, but did not understand the voice of the One who was speaking to me.

■ **1 Corinthians 2:14 NASB**

But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

■ **1 Corinthians 1:18 NASB**

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.



**#11 — Man Cannot Come Unless it has been Granted by the Father**

■ **John 6:44,65 NASB**

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. [65] And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father."



**#12 — Man is Dead in Sin**

■ **Ephesians 2:1,5 NASB**

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, [5] even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),



**#13 — Man Cannot Change His Nature**

■ **Jeremiah 13:23 NASB**

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin Or the leopard his spots? Then you also can do good Who are accustomed to doing evil.



In summation:

- Man hates God and loves sin
- Man hates truth loves the lies
- Man is wicked & violent
- Man's thoughts are evil continuously
- Man's heart is evil from his youth
- Man is prone to and desires evil
- Man cannot understand Spiritual things
- Man is a slave to sin
- Man is dead in sin
- Man is not good
- Man does not seek for God
- Man loves darkness rather than life
- Man's heart is sick
- Man's compassion is even wicked
- Man cannot come to Jesus without the Father
- Man believes the Gospel is foolishness

- Man unless they are sheep cannot hear Jesus
- Man is depraved
- Man is helpless
- Man is at enmity with God
- Man cannot change his nature
- Man is born in sin
- Man from his youth is evil



So we see unless God acts man will never come to God because he is incapable of submitting to the law of God, he cannot understand Spiritual things, he thinks the Gospel is foolishness.

God must enable and bring the dead to life. This is why I believe in the Total Inability and the Depravity of man.