

fill one man with joy, excite no emotion in the breast of another. The disease is what gives value to the remedy. They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. It is man's condition as a sinner which makes the announcement of salvation through Christ, good news to him. The elements in our natural condition of sin and ruin may be summed up in three words—depravity, guilt, and unrighteousness.

By *depravity* we mean that all men have naturally a bias towards wrong-doing which leads them to run into sin, so that there is not a just man upon the earth that doeth good and sinneth not. We speak of this corrupt bias as total depravity, not in the sense that men are so bad that they cannot become worse, but that they are so bad that, if left to themselves, they will never become better. To discover that we are thus depraved and have a corrupt bias towards sin, we do not need the teachings of revelation: we have only to open our eyes and ponder facts which are patent to observation. Our own experience shows that it is easier to do wrong than to do right. We need not go beyond the testimony of our own consciousness. We all find it easier to fall below than to come up to our own moral standard. We know what is right, and we do what is wrong. None of us can deny that we have run into sin.

And how is it with your neighbours? Does not observation show that they too suffer from the same moral disease as reigns in your own heart? In the entire circle of your acquaintance you cannot find one who has escaped the ravages of sin. They all suffer from this terrible blight.

Interrogate history, and what witness does it give to the condition of the race in bygone ages? All down the centuries, the same sad testimony comes to us. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. History makes known no period since man tasted of the forbidden fruit, in which men have not been estranged from God and defiled by sin. A survey of the condition of mankind in our day in other regions of the earth, reveals with equal clear-