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(T)otal Depravity?

- A. Man is made upright (Ecc. 7:29)
- B. Sin is something we do, not receive (James 4:17)
- C. People are only accountable for their own sins (Ezek. 18:20)
- D. Not guilty of Adam's sins (Rom. 3:23, 5:12)
- E. No one is born dead in sin (Rom. 9:11; Deut. 1:39; Isa. 7:16; etc.)
- F. Dead in sin once we sin (Eph. 2:1-2; Isa. 59:1-2; Rom. 6:23)
- G. Miraculous intervention not required to be saved
(Mk. 16:16; Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38)

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(U)nconditional Election?

- A. Election based upon our response to the gospel (2 Thess. 2:13-14)
- B. Election based upon if we desire it (Rev. 22:17)
- C. Israel was elected but stumbled / refused (Rom. 9:30-32, 10:21)
- D. Election conditional (Jn. 3:16; Mk. 16:16; Lk. 13:3; Acts 2:38; etc.)
- E. We must make our election sure by adding virtues (2 Pet. 1:5-11)

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(L)imited Atonement?

- A. God desires all to be saved (2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:3-6; etc.)
- B. God gave His Son for the world (John 1:29, 3:16; Rom. 5:18; etc.)
- C. God shows no partiality (Acts 10:34-35; Rom. 2:11)
- D. Jesus died for both the elect and non-elect (1 John 2:2)
- E. Not all will be saved, but all can be (Ezek. 18:32; Rom. 10:13)
- F. Lost for not coming to God, not excluded beforehand (Mt. 23:37)

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(I)rresistible Grace?

- A. Faith through hearing, not miraculous intervention (Rom. 10:17)
- B. People can receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1)
- C. Some reject the grace offered to them (Acts 7:51; Gal. 2:21)
- D. People can refuse to come to Christ (John 5:40)
- E. Jesus wanted to gather people who were unwilling (Matt. 23:37)

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(P)erseverance / (P)reservation of the Saints?

- A. Christians can fall from grace (Gal. 5:1-4)
- B. Branches in Christ can be cut off (John 15:2, 6)
- C. Christians can depart from the faith (1 Tim. 4:1)
- D. Christians can shipwreck their faith (1 Tim. 1:19)
- E. Christians can turn away after receiving truth (Heb. 10:26-29)
- F. Some have their names blotted out of the book of life (Rev. 3:5)
- G. Salvation conditioned upon faithfulness unto death (Rev. 2:10)
- H. Christians can become disqualified (1 Cor. 9:27)
- I. Christians can fall away and perish (Heb. 3:12; 2 Pet. 2:20-22)