

A) Unregenerated Humanity is Spiritually Dead (v. 1-2)

(John 8:43-44, 46-47; 6:44, 63, 65; 1 Cor 2:14; 2 Cor 4:4, 6)

- 1) The Arminian belief that we are ultimately chosen for salvation because of something we do is exposed as a fraud. (Rom 9:15-16; 2 Tim 1:8-9)
- 2) The claim of Reformed theology that we must be made spiritually alive by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit before receiving the Gospel is proven correct.
- 3) We must depend on and look for the working of the Holy Spirit when we are reaching out to people with the Gospel.
- 4) The spiritual deadness and inability of unregenerated humanity strikes us with awe when we understand that God saved us. (Rom 6:12)

B) Unregenerated Humanity is Morally Corrupt (v. 3)

(Gen 6:5; Matt 7:18-19; Mark 7:21-23)

- 1) Treat spiritually dead people with grace. (Matt 6:22-23).
- 2) Don't be influenced by spiritually dead people (Jude 1:23; 2 Cor 6:14-16)
- 3) Be the "salt" in your world (Matt 5:13)