1 - **“If…”**

**Matthew 16:24**

**What about Total Hereditary Depravity?**

2 - **False Doctrines Often Focus On Lack Of Choice… Accountability**

3 - **Total (Inherited) Hereditary Depravity**

What is it?

* Referred to as **the doctrine of original sin**.
* The idea that **the guilt** and **condemnation of Adam’s sin are inherited at birth** and result in **a totally corrupt nature bent upon doing evil in every newborn child.**
* **Why many practice infant baptism.**

4 - **Why Is Total Hereditary Depravity Erroneous?**

**Because the Bible plainly teaches otherwise!**

* Ezekiel 18:20, ***“The soul that sins will die…”*** (NKJV/ESV)
* Romans 5:12, *“…So death spread to all men,* ***because all sinned****.”*
* What about Exodus 20:5? Understanding the difference between **imputing the guilt of sin** and **imputing the consequences of sin**.

5 - **Why Is Total Hereditary Depravity Erroneous?**

**It’s contrary to the biblical definition of sin.**

Sin is **transgression of law** and something **practiced** not **inherited**. (1 John 3:4; James 4:17)

It’s what you **choose to do** not who you were **born to be**.

6 - **Why Is Total Hereditary Depravity Erroneous?**

**It’s contrary to the justice of God.**

**Makes God the source of depravity.**(Hebrews 12:9; James 1:17)

**The soul that sins shall die**. (Ezekiel 18:20)

**God will not pervert justice**. (Job 34:10-12)

**God is a righteous judge**. (2 Timothy 4:8; Hebrews 6:10)

7 - **Why Is Total Hereditary Depravity Erroneous?**

**It’s opposed to the idea of reconciliation.**

**How can we be reconciled** (cf., 1 Cor. 7:11) if we were **never in fellowship with God**?
(Romans 5:10-11; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21)

What did we “stray” from? (1 Peter 2:25)

8 - **Why Is Total Hereditary Depravity Erroneous?**

**It’s renders the perfect sacrifice of Christ void.**

**Jesus came “in the likeness of men.”**(Philippians 2:5-7)

**Jesus had to be “made like His brethren”.** (Hebrews 2:16-18)

Why the false doctrine of “immaculate conception” formed (claims Mary was the exception)

9 - **Total Hereditary Depravity**

**How can it affect our thinking?**

1. Sin becomes a matter of our depravity from Adam and **not of our choices and decisions**. (James 4:4-8)
2. **We fail to believe** how God made us and how He wants us to be. (Genesis 1:26; Ephesians 4:24)
3. **We fail to bear the fruit** in our lives He calls us to bear using our sinful nature as our excuse.

10 – **Total Hereditary Depravity**

* **Imputed sin** and guilt leads to the **false teaching** that **the righteousness of Jesus is imputed to us** aside from faith and obedience.
* Those in Christ do not remain in sin but are **wholly cleansed and made righteous**.
(1 John 1:7-9; 1 Peter 1:15-16; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 John 3:3; Revelation 7:13-14)