

# GROWING DEEP IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: RETURNING TO OUR ROOTS

EXPOSING THE DARK SIDE

GENESIS 6:5; PSALM 51:1–5



## The Heart of the Matter

The path of humanity is littered with the trash of depravity. Instead of being shining examples of beauty, righteousness, and perfection, we have darkened the world with hostility, hatred, and unrest. War and brutality score the history of humankind. Deceit and wickedness make up our story. Even our best—courageous warriors, heroes of humanity, graceful artists—fall embarrassingly short of perfection. From one life to another, the theme repeats itself: no one measures up . . . with one beautiful, righteous, perfect exception.



## Discovering the Way

### 1. Depravity Defined and Explained (Genesis 6:5; Psalm 51:1–5)

Though humanity was created good by God, we have fallen into sin and become depraved, leaving us spiritually dead, emotionally damaged, and volitionally rebellious.

### 2. Humanity Surveyed and Exposed

Even the great heroes of the Bible—Noah, Moses, David, Peter, and Paul—had moments that revealed the depths of their depravity.

### 3. The One Exception

Only Jesus, the God-Man, lived a perfect life without sin.



## Starting Your Journey

In light of our depravity, we have two options: we can opt to live as victims, or we can opt to live as victors.



## Tools for Digging Deeper



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