

# WHAT ARE PEOPLE LIKE?

## *Glorious Gospel: 3*

### **People are independent and rebellious.**

Romans 10:21 But regarding Israel, God said, “All day long I opened my arms to them, but they were disobedient and rebellious.” NLT

Isaiah 53:6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. NIV

- We have the attitude that got Lucifer kicked out.

### **People are sinful and unrighteous.**

Romans 3:10-12 As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one; <sup>11</sup> there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. <sup>12</sup> All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.” NIV

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. NIV

### **We are thoroughly sinful.**

#### **Actions**

#### **Sins of commission (the bad we do):**

Ecclesiastes 12:14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil. NIV

#### **Sins of omission (the good we don't do):**

James 4:17 Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins. NIV

#### **Words**

NT specifically forbids: Foolish talk, filthy language, coarse joking, deceit, swindling, lying (falsehood & perjury), obscenity, and slander.

Matthew 12:36 [Jesus said,] “But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.” NIV

#### **Thoughts**

Genesis 8:20-21 Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and...sacrificed burnt offerings on it. <sup>21</sup> The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood...” NIV

Matthew 5:22 [Jesus said,] “But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.” NIV

Matthew 5:28 [Jesus said,] “But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” NIV

## **Each of us has sinned and become an offense to a holy and just God.**

*“Do you realize that I have more in common with Adolf Hitler than I have with Jesus Christ? The gap of righteousness and holiness that exists between Hitler and me is infinitesimal compared to the gap that there is between me and Jesus, and that’s true for you.” - R.C. Sproul*

Ask yourself: “How have you personally sinned and offended God?”

“Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” – Sermon given by Jonathan Edwards

## **Our attempts to fix ourselves fall short.**

Philosophy won’t fix our shortcomings.

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. NIV

1 Corinthians 1:20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? NIV

Romans 10:3 Because [the Jews] did not know the way that God makes people right with him, they tried to make themselves right in their own way. So they did not accept God’s way of making people right. NCV

Religion won’t fix our shortcomings.

Matthew 7:21-23 [Jesus said,] “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’

<sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’” NIV

Good works won’t fix our shortcomings.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. NIV

Romans 4:5 However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness. NIV

Isaiah 64:6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags. NIV

Doing the best we can we can won’t fix our shortcomings.

James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. NIV

Matthew 5:20 [Jesus said,] “For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.” NIV