

MAN'S NATURE

What would the world say a person's greatest need is?

View	Man is:	Man's Problem:
Freud	<u>Animal</u>	<u>Environmental suppression</u>
Skinner	<u>Sick</u>	<u>Environmental conditioning</u>
Maslow	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Self-suppression</u>
Rogers	<u>Good</u>	<u>Sick culture</u>
Bible	<u>Dead</u>	<u>Sin</u>

Man has deviated from God's design for Him:

- inherited a sin nature (Romans 5:12)
- is dead in sin (Ephesians 2:1)
- deserves God's wrath (Ephesians 2:3)
- has a deceitful and desperately wicked heart (Jeremiah 17:9)
- is totally depraved (Romans 3:10-18) – every aspect of man is corrupt by sin
- is inherently hopeless of salvation (Matthew 19:25)

How does man's condition open our eyes to our society?
To ourselves?

What, then, is man's greatest need?

FOR PERSONAL STUDY:

Application

1. Sin is a complete deviation from the holiness that God designed man for. Its effects corrupted man and the world in a further deviation from God's design. With this sobering understanding, what will you do this week to kill sin in your life?
2. Knowing that we are not basically good, and that we have such sin tendencies, consider: when are some times that you quickly become defensive? How could you instead confess sin and ask forgiveness?

Memorization

1. Memorize and meditate on Jeremiah 17:9.
2. Review Psalm 8:3-4.
3. Challenge: Memorize all of Psalm 8 throughout this study. (Psalm 8:2 this week)

Preparation

1. Consider areas of pride in your life. Why are those such difficult areas?
2. What is God trying to teach you in those times when you feel pride flaring inside?