

# **Evidence for the Christian View of Humanity**

## **Notes**

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We need an accurate view of humanity if we are to make sense of our world.

The orthodox Christian perspective on humanity: We were made in the image of God, but the image is shattered, broken beyond repair.

### **Evidence for the bad news that we are bent and broken:**

#### **1. Bible history**

*Romans 3:10-12 "As it is written, There is no one righteous, not even one. There is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."*

#### **2. News**

- Egyptian Christians Describe Torture at the Hands of Libyan Captors
- North Korea threatens nuclear Attack on the US mainland
- Ongoing civil war in Syria has killed thousands
- HS and College students involved in rape trials... more than one
- Crazy woman on trial for murdering her boyfriend.
- Trillions of dollars in overspending debt
- The ongoing holocaust of abortion

"The problem of sin in the world isn't a sociological, economic, or intellectual problem; it is a spiritual or heart problem. Every newspaper and every online news source around the globe today is full of headlines and stories like these, telling of the earth's population caught up in greed, distrust, robberies, conflict, killings, war, destruction, and death.... Marxists blame capitalism and the unequal distribution of wealth for much of the evil of the world. Secular humanists blame religion. And certain forms of Buddhism say all evil in the world is simply an illusion."

Josh McDowell [The Unshakeable Truth](#)

*Matthew 15:19- Jesus said, "Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all other sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander. These are what make a man unclean."*

#### **3. Recent History- just 2 examples**

- The Holocaust- Museum in Jerusalem
- Abortion

## VIDEO from YouTube- The Sound of Abortion

- 532 million aborted in China in last 30 years- over 12 million a year
- 55 million aborted in the US over the last 40 years... tragically, low because some states (Md, Delaware, NHampshire and Calif.) don't report numbers.

### 4. Biblical provision for sin

- Leviticus 4 and 5, God provided his people with sin offerings, sacrifices to atone for our wrong doing, to ease our guilt
- Romans 7:7-25- The law was part of God's provision in that it reveals sin, enabling us to seek a solution.

*Romans 7:20, "Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it."*

If you study human evil just a little bit, it's depressing. But when you really dig down and see the depth of human depravity, it actually serves to confirm everything the Christian already believes. Recognizing the magnitude of the evil that humans, even ourselves, can do also helps us recognize how justly we deserve punishment, and how merciful God is to forgive us.

- *Romans 5:6, 8-9, 11 "At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly... God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!... We rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."*

Jesus was the perfect sacrifice.