

**CGC Adult Christian Education**  
**Articles of Faith and Doctrine of the Associated Gospel Churches**  
**V - The Fall of Humanity & VI - The Total Depravity of Humans**  
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**V. The Fall of Humanity**

We believe that human beings, originally created in the image and after the likeness of God, fell from their high and holy estate through disobedience, by eating the forbidden fruit, and in consequence, the threatened penalty of death was then and there inflicted, so that they totally lost all spiritual life, becoming dead in trespasses and sins, and subject to the power of the devil.

Genesis 1:26, 2:17; Isaiah 64:6; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 John 3:8; 1 Timothy 5:6; John 5:40, 6:53

**VI. The Total Depravity of Humans**

We believe that this spiritual death, or total corruption of human nature, has been transmitted to the entire race of human beings, the man Christ Jesus alone excepted; and hence that every child of Adam is born into the world with a sinful nature.

Genesis 6:5; Jeremiah 17:9; John 3:6; Psalm 14:1-3, 51:5; Romans 5:12-19

-Have you ever heard someone say that people are basically good? How would you respond?

What do these verses tell us about human nature?

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-Psalm 51:5

-Isaiah 64:6

-What practical implications do the doctrines of the Fall and Total Depravity have for us today?