

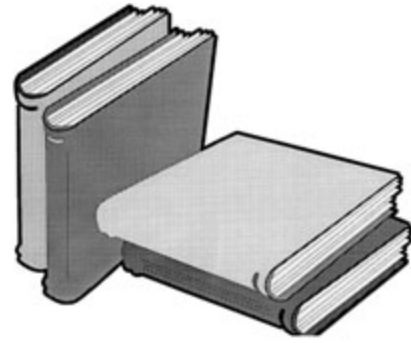
The Rock and Pit

*Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn,
and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*

Isa 51:1

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Yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life

John 5:40 (ESV)

1. We are all by nature dead in sins.
2. Spiritual life is laid up for sinners in Christ alone; He is the fountain of life.
3. In order to receive benefit from Christ men must come to him by faith, and believe. Believing is coming.
4. The real reasons why men do not come to Christ, and consequently die in their sins, is their want of will to come.

Let it be carefully noted, that both here and elsewhere, the loss of man's soul is always attributed in Scripture to man's own want of will to be saved. ... It is simply and entirely man's own fault, his want of will.

Forever let us cleave to this doctrine: Man's salvation if saved, is entirely of God. Man's ruin, if lost, is entirely of himself

He "loves darkness rather than light." He will have his own way.

J. C. Ryle,
From his commentary on John, 1865, Vol. 1 p. 317.