

# **THE DILEMMA OF A FALLEN HUMANITY**

## **our spiritual context:**

(as those who are God-refusing & rebellious)

### **- the dominion of darkness**

(the oppressive realm of the world, the flesh & the devil)

rejecting our Maker, we lock ourselves into:

## **AN ENDLESS RESTLESS-STRUGGLE**

**\* the action of God's wrath (the holy anger of His love)**

as He personally gives us over to despair-producing:

### **1) GUILT**

in the area of CONSCIENCE

a sense of **condemnation & shame**

*# diversion: desperately seeking relief by blaming someone or something else, condemning others, performing better, changing the rules, denying the facts, or punishing ourselves*

### **2) INSECURITY**

in the area of PERSONHOOD

a sense of **lostness & inferiority**

*# diversion: desperately seeking to establish our own personal calling & significance, positively or negatively*

in the area of CIRCUMSTANCES

a sense of **uneasiness & vulnerability**

*# diversion: desperately seeking to establish our own physical, financial, material, vocational, relational & political security*

### **3) FRUSTRATION**

in the area of HUMAN FULFILLMENT

a sense of **deadness & futility**

*# diversion: desperately seeking full engagement in significant relationships & action, or meaningless escape; often 'venting'*

### **4) FEAR OF DEATH**

in the area of ETERNITY

a sense of **dread & doom**

*# diversion: desperately seeking to dismiss the terror of a final judgment, through belief-systems, a 'life-now' focus & guilt-relief*