

# Mark 7:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

## Analysis

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**Mark 7:20** This passage continues Mark's fast-paced narrative demonstrating Jesus' divine authority, miraculous power, and confrontation with religious establishment. The theological themes include Christ's deity, sacrificial mission, call to discipleship, and inauguration of God's kingdom. Reformed interpretation emphasizes sovereign grace, substitutionary atonement, and transformation through regeneration.

## Historical Context

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First-century Palestinian Jewish context under Roman occupation shapes the narrative. Archaeological discoveries confirm Gospel accounts' historical accuracy. Ancient sources (Josephus, Tacitus) corroborate biblical timeline and cultural details. Early church fathers interpreted these Christologically, seeing Old Testament fulfillment and New Covenant establishment.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse reveal Christ's person and work in redemptive history?
2. What transformation should this truth produce in your thinking, affections, and behavior?

## Interlinear Text

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ἔλεγεν	δὲ	ὅτι	Τὸ	ἐκ	τοῦ	ἄνθρωπον	ἐκπορευόμενον
he said	And	G3754	G3588	out of	G3588	the man	That which cometh
G3004	G1161			G1537		G444	G1607
ἐκεῖνο	κοινοῖ	τὸν	ἄνθρωπον				
that	defileth	G3588	the man				
G1565	G2840		G444				

## Additional Cross-References

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**James 3:6** (Parallel theme): And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

**James 4:1** (Parallel theme): From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

**Mark 7:15** (Parallel theme): There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.

**Psalms 41:6** (Parallel theme): And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it.

**Micah 2:1** (Parallel theme): Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.

**Hebrews 7:6** (Parallel theme): But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

