



# The Doctrine of Man

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## Day 1: What is man? A biblical understanding of humanity

Psalm 8

### The Biblical View among Other Views: A Creature in God's Image & Likeness

Common views today:

Biblical response/teaching

Genesis 1:24-31

Genesis 2:7-14

Gen. 2:15-17

Gen. 2:18-25

Summary:

Every human being, body and soul, is **CREATED** by God in the **IMAGE & LIKENESS** of the living God to **LIVE** in **RELATIONSHIP** with God and fellow humans and to **REPRESENT** God and **EXERCISE DOMINION** under God's reign.

## Person & Nature, Body & Soul, Male & Female

Where to begin?

Colossians 1:15-20

Hebrews 2:14-15

Jesus Is One Person Who Is Fully God & Fully Human

- A nature is a \_\_\_\_\_ - body & soul are \_\_\_\_\_ we are made of
- A person is a \_\_\_\_\_ - who we are
- You are one person with two parts to your human nature: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Revelation 6:9-11

## Body & Soul

So what is the *what*? What is our nature?

Genesis 2:7

## Male & Female

Genesis 1:26-27

Matthew 19:4

Matthew 22:23-33

Galatians 3:28

Summary:

Humans are persons with a nature, material & immaterial (body & soul), male or female.

## Sin, Redemption, & Restoration

Insufficient views of humanity lead to insufficient views of sin, redemption & restoration, which results in harm & greater suffering.

A biblical view of humanity will impact how we address every other question facing humanity.

Creation→Fall→Redemption→Restoration

### Creation

Genesis 1-2

### Fall

Genesis 3:1:

3:2:

3:4:

3:5:

3:6:

3:7:

Biblically: Sin is not a natural part of the world—but an incursion. So death is not natural, but an incursion.

But sin impacts everything:

- self
- relationship with God
- relationships with fellow humans
- relationship with creation

### Redemption

Sin also spreads from generation to generation—everyone is a sinner (Rom. 3:10).

Salvation must come from God. John 3:16-17

Hebrews 2:14-17

2 Corinthians 5:17

Ephesians 2:11-16

1 Cor. 15:20-23

Eph. 1:9-10; 2:11-18; 3:7-11

### Restoration

Romans 8:18-25

Revelation 22:1-5