



20 Beliefs Every Christian Should Know

Lesson 7 – Man

Key Verse: Genesis 1:27

“God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Overview

One of the most important questions people should ask is, “Who am I and why do I exist?” However, with the busyness of life, most people don’t stop to ponder this question. In biblical theology the study of man is called anthropology. While secular institutions offer courses on anthropology, those courses address this topic from a man-centered perspective. In order to properly understand man, we must look at it from a God-centered perspective. In this study, we will answer the question above from God’s perspective

The Creation of Man

1. Genesis 1:23–26. On what day did God create man? _____
2. Genesis 2:7. How did God created Adam? _____
 - a. What did God give Adam? _____
3. Genesis 2:21–22. How did God create Eve? _____
4. Genesis 5:2. What name did God give to Adam and Eve? _____

“Man is represented as standing at the apex of all the created orders. He is crowned as king of the lower creation, and is given dominion overall the inferior creatures.” —Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*, pg. 183.

Image and Likeness

1. Genesis 1:26. What did man take on in creation? _____
 - a. Image: _____
 - b. Likeness: _____
2. Genesis 2:25. What was man’s condition after God created them? _____
3. Genesis 3:7–8. What happened to the image of God in man after the fall? _____
4. Genesis 9:6. What did man keep after the fall? _____

5. James 3:8–10. What did man keep after the fall? _____

Image Restored

1. Romans 8:29. Why did God predestine believers? _____

2. 2 Corinthians 3:18. When does the transformation to the image of Christ begin? _____

3. 1 John 3:2. When will we be transformation be complete? _____

Human Constitution

1. Genesis 2:23. What does mankind consist of? _____

2. Acts 7:59. What did Stephen ask Jesus to receive? _____

3. Ecclesiastes 12:7. What does this verse reveal about man? _____

4. James 2:26. What does James say are the two parts of man? _____

5. Matthew 10:28. What did Jesus say about man? _____

6. Luke 10:27. How did Jesus refer to the immaterial part of man? _____

7. What do we conclude about “spirit” and “soul”? _____

“‘Soul’ and ‘spirit’ are used interchangeably in Scripture, and both terms indicate similar functions in relating with God, other people, and nature.”

—“Three Views of the Human Constitution”, *Biblical Doctrines*, eds. John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue, pg. 422.

Man’s Responsibility

1. Genesis 1:28. What is the cultural mandate? _____

2. Genesis 9:1–2. What did God reiterate to Noah? _____

“Man is created to reign in a manner that demonstrates his lordship, his dominion (by force if necessary) over all creation.” —Eugene H. Merrill

When does life begin?

1. Job 3:3. When did Job say he became a “man-child”? _____
2. Exodus 21:22–25. What is the penalty at the end of verse 23? _____
3. Luke 1:44. What does Elizabeth say about her baby in the womb? _____

Why were we Created?

1. Isaiah 43:6–7. Why has God created us? _____
2. Ephesians 1: 11 – 12. What does this verse reveal about why God has predestined us? _____

3. 1 Corinthians 10:31. What does this verse say we are to do? _____

“Giving God glory will give our lives purpose and meaning; it will give us joy in our life that we all long for.”

— Wayne Grudem, *Christians Beliefs*, pg. 58.

Application

1. What are specific examples of ways you can fulfill your God-given purpose?
2. How does being created in God’s image affect your view of self and others?
3. What areas of your life do you need to change to bring God glory?