

Genesis 1 & 2 "The Doctrine of Man"

Who am I?

What is Man?

What is Life?

Why am I here?

- "Genesis" means Origins
- "Man" means Mankind Human
- Remember: in Genesis 1 & 2 that it was Perfect
- Genesis 1:26: "Us" Trinity
 "Image" Unique Relationship to God
 "Likeness" Attributes of God
 "Rule" Relationship to Creation
- Genesis 2:7: "Dust" Man's Value is not physical
 "Breathed" Breath of Life
A Living Soul

Made in His “Likeness” “God’s Communicable Attributes”

- Personality: Emotion, Intellect, Will
- Dominion: Ability to Rule
- Spirituality: Relate to the Supernatural
- Immortality: Live Forever
- Creativity: Desire to Imagine
- Original Righteousness: Conscious Bent on God

Made in His “Image”

- Relationship: Revelation Receivers
Hear, Understand, Apply God’s Word
Dependent Relationships
- Worship: Identifies who we are
All we do expresses Worship
- Free Will: Interpreters
Meaning Makers
- Significance: Search for Significance
Designed for a Purpose

All of life can be evaluated in light of being created in His Image!!

Two Great Mandates:

Creation

Salvation

“Creation Mandate”

1. Humanity (Genesis 1:26, 27)

- Self-awareness
- Self-understanding

Quest of man since the beginning

2. Sexuality (Genesis 1:27)

- Male (Zakar) To be sharp or pointed
- Female (Negevah) To be pierced, penetrated

Distinction is clear

Essential to identity

3. Culture (Genesis 1:28)

- Harness the natural world
- Take charge of the resources
- Rule over it

Psalm 119:91 Universe created with structure

Material order

Moral order

4. Marriage (Genesis 2:21-25)

Cleaved Leave his father and mother and be glued to his wife. Note: It endured the devastation of The Fall.

5. Family (Genesis 2:24)

Father, Mother, Children

- Provides a foundation (family) upon which other institutions and government are built.

6. Work (Genesis 2:2, 3)

- To exert our faculties and strength
- Adam needed to know the fulfillment and satisfaction that comes from productivity and from a task well done.

“Salvation Mandate”

- **The Bible** is a narrative, a story of redemption, and the chief character is Jesus Christ.
- Christ → **Delivers us from slavery to sin**
Defeats the enemy
Leads us in The Way



Three Grand Themes of the Story of Redemption

God's Sovereignty: Calling People to Himself
Forming them into His likeness
Preparing us for eternity

God's Grace: Enables and empowers things
I could not do in my own strength
Radical change - transformation

The Theme of Glory: It's not about me
Provides something to live for

Our Goal → is to help one another live with a "God's Story."

Our Mission → is to teach, admonish, and encourage one another to:

1. Rest in His Sovereignty and not our own
2. Rely on His Grace and not our own performance
3. Submit to His Glory rather than seeking our own

Genesis 3 “The Fall”

“Desirable for gaining wisdom”

Satan’s promise of autonomous personal wisdom

Sin is deceitful

- **Hardened Hearts**
- **Spiritual Blindness**
- **Deep, constant war of words of who and what will rule our lives**

The whole of the Gospel **is the only way to make sense of our lives**

Real knowledge **begins with our knowledge of God**

Wisdom **is the fruit of worship on bended knee**

My interpretations all rest on **some view of God,** **myself,** and **others.**

And they always tell me what to do with both my **Heart** and my **Hands.**

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