

Introduction

- After knowing who God is, knowing who we are is next most important.
- Know yourself - ancient proverb
- Many of the problems of society related to lack of understanding who we are
- Impact of evolution on society
- Much false teaching adding to trouble

1. Man is Made in God's Image

- Human beings are unique
- Conscious consideration of the Godhead - let us make man in our image
- Different from all other creation
- Man reasons, creates, enjoys beauty
- Has a body and immortal soul
- Man created morally perfect not neutral
- Ephesians 4:24
- Made for relationship with God and others
- Adam originally had a perfect relationship with God, knowledge
- He was God's caretaker
- The fact that we are image bearers gives us great dignity.

2. Designed with Purpose

- To glorify God and enjoy Him for ever
- We can add nothing to God Matthew 5:48

- We were made to reflect God's glory
- Our highest privilege
- The Lord Jesus Christ did this - John 17:4
- Both the saved and the lost will glorify God Romans 9:21-23
- What we were made for
- Effects the most mundane jobs
- In glorifying God we find true enjoyment.
- Wired to be truly happy
- True happiness found in God alone and walking in His Word.
- Jesus Christ the real satisfier and joy maker - wedding at Cana

3. Fallen in Adam

- Man not now as he was created
- Genesis 3:1-9 records the disaster
- Adam and Eve originally under the Covenant of Works/Life
- They were free to obey and had power to obey
- Blessing and punishment spelled out to them
- Adam rebelled - tragic effects
- Adam our representative/federal head
- I Corinthians 15:22, Romans 5:12-19
- When he failed we failed
- Adam's sin put to our account.

- We are now born corrupt
- We sin because we are sinners
- Psalm 51:3
- Opposed to good and inclined to evil
- Spiritually dead, total depravity
- Ephesians 2
- Of self unable to do anything that meets with God's approval Romans :7&8
- Slaves to sin John 8:34
- Deserving punishment - death
- Still image bearers - though that image warped and marred.

Conclusion - who am I?

- Dignity and depravity
- Covenant breaker
- Prisoner of sin
- Guilty and deserving punishment
- Hopeless and helpless

Is there an Answer?

- Jesus Christ alone can fix the ruined relationship with God - one mediator.
- Jesus Christ alone can change that ruined nature as image bearers
- Grace alone can change us
- Grace does really change sinners
- Have you been changed?

Discussion Questions

1. How would you describe modern man's view of self?
2. In what ways is man unique from every part of God's creation?
3. What ways does mankind try and fill the need for purpose in life?
4. Look at Genesis 3:1-9 and trace the events surrounding the fall of man.
5. What is the condition of a new born baby in the eyes of God. Psalm 51:5

6. Why can someone who is not a Christian never do anything that pleases God?
Romans 8:7&8
7. In what ways can we see in our world that men and women are by nature slaves to sin? John 8:34
8. What reaction does the natural man have to these truths of man's true identity and why?
9. What does Paul tell us is happening in the life of the Christian in Colossians 3:10
10. Review your own standing before God. Have you come to Christ personally? If not - why not - He is willing to save all who come to Him.

Life's Big Questions Answered



Study 2

What is a human being?