



Who is Man?
What does the Bible tell us?

Christian Basics Part 4




Man is created!!!

What does it mean?

- Man is Triune
- Man is Creative
- Man is Independent
- Man has Free Will
- Analogy: What would something look like created in your image?
- Male and Female



The Role of Humanity

- Fill the Earth
- Subdue the Earth
- Rule the Earth



Genesis 1:28

- **28** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

The Purpose of Man

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
Ge.3:8

God met Man in the
Cool of the Day!

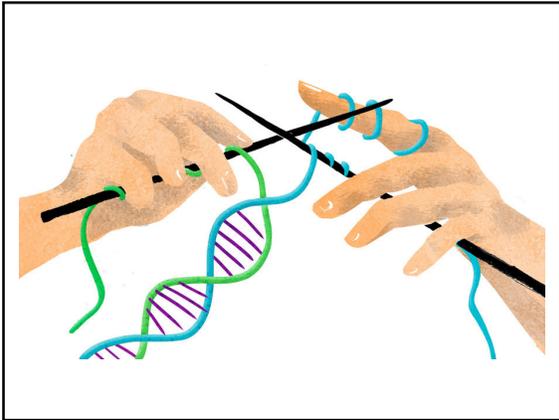
Man was a friend of
God!!!



God knew us from before the Beginning of the world!

- For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14** I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
- 15** My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
- 16** Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in
your book
before one of them came to be.
- 17** How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!
- 18** Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand –
when I awake, I am still with you. Psalm 139





Man is a free agent!

- Tree in the garden of Knowledge of good and evil – it's purpose free will
- Today free will – we can return to God through Christ – no force
- Struggle of spirit and flesh
- Spirit gravitates towards God
- Flesh rebels against God

Man is aware of God

- Anthropology (supreme God, Flood)

- Creation (tells us that there is design)

- Sense of Eternity (there is something else)

Romans 1

- For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, **21** because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Professing to be wise, they became fools, **23** and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

- He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put **eternity** in their **hearts**, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.



The Tree of Life Genesis to Revelation

Genesis:
Man banned from the
tree of life

Proverbs Analogy:
Wisdom, Hope
fulfilled, fruit of
righteousness, good
words > Jesus

Revelation:
Man invited to eat from
the tree of life

Tree of Life – eternal
life



Man's Limitation to Time and Space

- To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:
- 1 A time to be born,
And a time to die;
A time to plant,
And a time to pluck what is planted;
- 2 A time to kill,
And a time to heal;
A time to break down,
And a time to build up;
- 3 A time to weep,
And a time to laugh;
A time to mourn,
And a time to dance;
- 4 A time to cast away stones,
And a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace,
And a time to refrain from embracing;
- 5 A time to seek,
And a time to lose;
A time to keep,
And a time to throw away;
- 6 A time to fear,
And a time to swim,
A time to keep silence,
And a time to speak;
- 7 A time to love,
And a time to hate;
A time of war,
And a time of peace.
- Ecclesiastes 3



I have seen all the works that are done
under the sun; and indeed,
all *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.
Ecc. 1:15

Time Limitation

- In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken;
For **dust** you *are*, And to **dust** you shall return.”

Genesis 3:19



Psalm 90

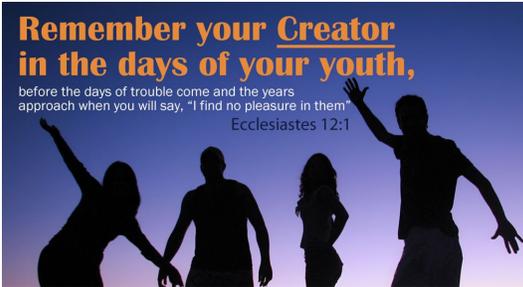
- Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting,
You are God.
- 3 You turn man to destruction,
And say, "Return, O children of men."
- 4 For a thousand years in Your sight
Are like yesterday when it is past,
And like a watch in the night.
- 5 You carry them away like a flood;
They are like a sleep.
In the morning they are like grass which grows up;
- 6 In the morning it flourishes and grows up;
In the evening it is cut down and withers.
- 7 For we have been consumed by Your anger,
And by Your wrath we are terrified.
- 8 You have set our iniquities before You,
Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.
- 9 For all our days have passed away in Your wrath;
We finish our years like a sigh.
- 10 The days of our lives are seventy years;
And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,
Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow;
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
- 11 Who knows the power of Your anger?
For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.
- 12 So teach us to number our days,
That we may gain a heart of wisdom.
- 13 Return, O Lord!
How long?
- And have compassion on Your servants.
- 14 Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!
- 15 Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us,
The years in which we have seen evil.
- 16 Let Your work appear to Your servants,
And Your glory to their children.
- 17 And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us,
And establish the work of our hands for us;
Yes, establish the work of our hands.

Seek God in Early Life

- **9** Rejoice, O young man, in your youth,
And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth;
Walk in the ways of your heart,
And in the sight of your eyes;
But know that for all these
God will bring you into judgment.
10 Therefore remove sorrow from your heart,
And put away evil from your flesh,
For childhood and youth *are* vanity.
Eccl. 11

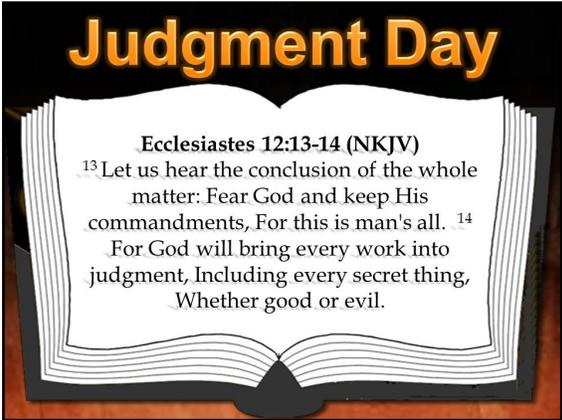
Remember your Creator in the days of your youth,

before the days of trouble come and the years
approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"
Ecclesiastes 12:1



Old Age in Eccl. 12

- Remember now your Creator in the day
of your youth,
Before the difficult days come,
And the years draw near when you
say,
"I have no pleasure in them";
2 While the sun and the light,
The moon and the stars,
Are not darkened,
And the clouds do not return after
the rain;
3 In the day when the keepers of the
house tremble,
And the strong men bow down;
When the grinders cease because
they are few,
And those that look through the
windows grow dim;
4 When the doors are shut in the
streets,
And the sound of grinding is low;
When one rises up at the sound of a
bird,
And all the daughters of music are
brought low.
- 5** Also they are afraid of height,
And of terrors in the way;
When the almond tree blossoms,
The grasshopper is a burden,
And desire fails.
For man goes to his eternal home,
And the mourners go about the streets.
6 Remember your Creator before the
silver cord is loosed,^[a]
Or the golden bowl is broken,
Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain,
Or the wheel broken at the well.
7 Then the dust will return to the earth as
it was,
And the spirit will return to God who
gave it.
8 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher,
"All is vanity."



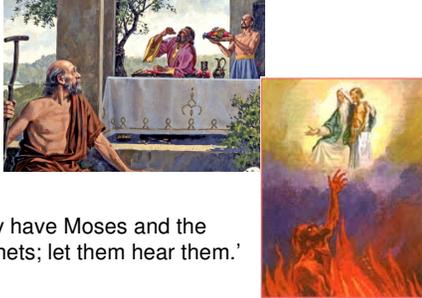
We die and what then!

- **27** And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, **28** so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.
Hebrews 9:27-28
- "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has **everlasting life**, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from **death** into **life**.
John 5:24



The Rich Man and Poor Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31



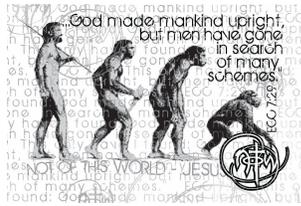
- 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'

The Problem of Man



- Truly, this only I have found:
That **God made man upright**, But they
have sought out **many schemes.**"

Eccl. 7:29



Romans 3

- **21** But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, **22** even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.
- **For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24** being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
- **25** whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, **26** to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.