

Week 2

2. The Nature and Condition of Man

a. The Beginning – The Creation of Man (OUR PAST)

- Man was originally made in God's _____ (*before the fall*) – Genesis 1:27
 - **God** – Genesis 1:26; 1 John 5:7; John 1:1, 14; Genesis 1:1-3
 - 1 - Father
 - 2 - Son (*Word*)
 - 3 - Holy Spirit
 - **Man** – Genesis 2:7; 1 Thess. 5:23; Hebrews 4:12
 - 1 - Soul – (**FATHER**)
 - 2 - Body – (**SON**)
 - 3 - Spirit – (**HOLY SPIRIT**)

KEY *Man's **SOUL** is the **outer man** (though not visible to the naked eye), comprised of such elements as the mind, the will, and the emotions (God gave man the ability to exercise his own free will as seen by the insertion of the " _____ of the knowledge of good and evil").*

*Man's **BODY** is what is called **the flesh**.*

*Man's **SPIRIT** is what the Bible calls the **inner man**, designed by God to be strengthened by close personal fellowship with His Spirit (Eph. 3:16).*

b. The Problem – The Fall of Man

KEY This is very important and why we have problems.

- He **DISOBEYED** God - Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-6
- His **SPIRIT** died _____ – Genesis 3:8
- His physical body began to age and eventually **DIED** – Genesis 5:5
- As a result of his spiritual and physical condition, his soul would suffer a slow decay as well – 1 Co. 15:47-48 (*earthy* = **CARNAL**)
- His children would now be born in his own **IMAGE**, not in the image of God – Genesis 5:1-3; Romans 5:12, 14-19

Key Notes:

Death means **SEPARATION** from God in a literal place of punishment and eternal torment called **HELL** for someone who is not saved, not annihilation.

We **do not cease to exist** at death. We are separated from our bodies and from this world. Adam immediately became separated from God, unable to have **FELLOWSHIP** with him.

That is the spiritually dead condition of every man and woman at **BIRTH**. This is where all our trouble began.

We often refer to lost man as being a **TWO** part being. This is only true in the sense that man's spirit is dead (unable to fellowship with God). However, lost man is still a _____ part being with a body (#1), a soul (#2), and a " _____ " spirit (#3).

c. Saved Man (OUR PRESENT)

- As the result of Jesus substitutionary death, burial, and bodily resurrection (*the gospel*), all who believe now have the **IMAGE** of God restored. When we believe the gospel we are "born again" and our once "dead" spirit is brought back to life (*we can now fellowship with God*).
- His Spirit makes our **SPIRIT** alive or **QUICKENED** – Eph. 2:1; Rom. 8:16; 1 Co. 2:11; 6:16
- A living **SOUL** that is now able to **CHOOSE** to meditate on life – Psalm 19:7; 23:3; 42:2...or death – Judges 16:16; 2 Peter 2:8
- A dying **BODY** still alive to this world – Ro. 7:23-24, but powerless over us – Ro. 6:6-9 and scheduled to be **REPLACED** – Phil. 3:21

d. Glorified Man (OUR FUTURE)

- When we were born again, our spirit was made alive and **JOINED** to His Spirit, our soul was given the ability to be renewed by His Word and we were given the promise of a new body. When we see Him we shall be **LIKE** Him for we shall see Him **AS** he really is in all of His glory – 1 John 3:2
- The Holy Spirit and His working in our lives was meant to be the _____ payment or **EARNEST** of our promised glorious inheritance – 2 Co. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14. This is the reason why we should so "earnestly" seek to be controlled by, and **FILLED** with, His Spirit.

- ✓ It is the **manifestation** to the **WORLD**, to the **DEVIL**, and to the church, of His supernatural power and the **GLORY** of His coming kingdom – Col. 1:27; Eph 3:10-11, 21

KEY He wants to display His **glory** in and through us (fallen, yet restored beings)...

- That is what our mission is...
- That is our purpose as individuals...
- That is our purpose as a church...

It includes everything we do in life!!!

NOTE When this is **not** a reality for a man or woman that has been redeemed by God's own blood – the Lamb that was slain for our sins – it should break our hearts!