

Part 3: Doctrine of Man

Human Purpose: why did God create us?

Isaiah 43:6-7

6 I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, 7 everyone who is called by my name, **whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.**"

1 Corinthians 10:31

31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, **do all to the glory of God.**

Westminster Larger Catechism	
Question 1: What is the chief and highest end of man?	Answer 1: Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy Him forever.

Human Nature: God created man as a living soul, male and female, in His image and likeness.

Genesis 1:26-31

26 Then God said, "**Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 **So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.**

Genesis 2:5-7

5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, 6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— 7 then the **Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.**

1. Mankind Created in the Image of God:

2. Mankind Created as a Living Soul:

Genesis 35:18-19

18 And as **her soul was departing (for she was dying)**, she called his name Ben-oni;... 19 So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem),

Matthew 16:26-27

26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and **forfeits his soul**? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? 27 For **the Son of Man is going to come** with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will **repay each person according to what he has done**.

Matthew 10:28

And do not fear those who kill the **body but cannot kill the soul**. Rather fear him who can **destroy both soul and body in hell**.

Matthew 25:45-46

45 Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into **eternal punishment**, but the righteous into **eternal life**."

2 Thessalonians 1:8-10

8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will suffer the **punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord** and from the glory of his might, 10 when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

John 5:28-30

28 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when **all who are in the tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out**, those who have done good to the **resurrection of life**, and those who have done evil to the **resurrection of judgment**.

John 11:24-26

24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the **resurrection** on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. **Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live**, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me **shall never die**. Do you believe this?"

"There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play. But our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously - no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption." **C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory**

3. Mankind Created as Male and Female:¹

Genesis 2:18, 21-25

18 Then the Lord God said, **“It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”**...
21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. **23 Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”** 24 **Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.** 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Ephesians 5:22-33

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. **23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.** 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also **wives should submit in everything to their husbands.**

25 **Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,** 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way **husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.** He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. **31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”** 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that **it refers to Christ and the church.** 33 However, let each one of you **love his wife as himself,** and let the wife see that she **respects her husband.**

¹ Additional Resources:

- Jesus, Justice, and Gender Roles by Kathy Keller
- The Meaning of Marriage by Tim and Kathy Keller
- A Beautiful Design – Sermon Series from The Village Church by Matt Chandler
<http://www.tvcreources.net/resource-library/sermons/by-series/a-beautiful-design>

Fallen Nature:

God created man as a living soul, male and female, in His image and likeness. We were created very good, but as a result of our rebellion we now have a fallen sinful nature. Despite our sin we still bear God's image, but it is distorted and needs restoration through the Gospel.

Romans 1:18-32

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Colossians 1:15-20

15 He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Romans 8:29

For those whom he foreknew he also **predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son**, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Colossians 3:5-11

5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming. 7 In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you **have put off the old self** with its practices 10 and **have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.** 11 Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

1 Corinthians 15:49

Just as we have borne the image of the **man of dust** [Adam], we shall also bear the image of the **man of heaven** [Jesus].