



# Areas of Controversy...

Die for

Divide for

Debate for

Decide for

## What is man that you are mindful of him?

Psalm 8 - {1} To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

- {2} Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.
- {3} When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

- {4} what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?
- {5} Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
- {6} You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

- {7} all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
- {8} the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- {9} O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Psalm 8:1-9 ESV

#### Divide for -

We believe God created humanity and He created them male and female on purpose and for a purpose (Ephesians 2:10). God created humans to play a special role as His representatives in the world He created (Genesis 1:27-28),

thus distinguishing them from all other created things.

Therefore, human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through death.

We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Genesis 9:5-6; Psalm 139).

#### Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV

{26} Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, 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.

{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."

- Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV

#### Parts...

- 1. Spirit
- 2. Soul
- 3. Body
- 4. Flesh
- 5. Heart
- 6. Mind
- 7. Conscience

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1 Thes 5:23;
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Mar 12:30,33;

Deu 6:5; Gen 2:7;

Rom 12, 13:1;

2 Cor 10:4-5,

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

- Genesis 2:7 NKJV

## Material and Immaterial

A whole person material and immaterial

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,

- Colossians 1:15 NLT

- {18} But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV

{10} and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him-- - Colossians 3:10 NASB95

"The amazing ability and awesome responsibility to make visible the invisible characteristics of our Creator and Redeemer." - Gerry Breshears

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Through Adam's sin, humanity inherited a sinful nature and became alienated from God. Thus, all humans are sinners by nature, by choice, and by divine declaration (Psalm 14:1-3; 51:5; 1 Kings 8:46; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:9- 18, 23; 5:10-12.

As a result, humanity is of himself utterly unable to remedy his lost condition (John 6:44; Romans 3:22, 23; 5:12; 8:7-8; Ephesians 2:1-9, 12; Colossians 2:13; 1 John 1:8-10].

We believe God created men and women different to complement each other and testify of His nature and gospel love (Eph 5:21-33).

We believe God created and defined marriage as the life-long covenant between one biological man and one biological woman (Gen 2:24; Mat 19:4-6). God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society.

We believe marriage is exclusively the legal union of one genetic biological male and one genetic biological female sanctioned by the state and evidenced by a marriage ceremony. We also believe legitimate biblical sexual relations are exercised solely within biblical marriage.

Hence, sexual activities such as, but not limited to, adultery, fornication, premarital sex, incest, polygamy, homosexuality, transgenderism, bisexuality, cross-dressing, pedophilia, and bestiality are inconsistent with the teachings of the God and the Church.

Further, lascivious behavior, pornography, and efforts to alter one's physical gender or gender-related appearance are incompatible with a true biblical witness (Gen 2:24; Mat 19:4-6; Jon 4:16-18; Rom 1:18-32; I Cor 5:11, 6:9-20, 7:1-9; Gal 5:19-21; Eph 5:3-7; 1 Tim 1:9-11.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)