



# ALL ABOUT MANKIND

ANTHROPOLOGY  
EPISODE 7 OF 12

## I. CREATION AND PURPOSE

- *So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.* Genesis 1:27
- **ELEMENTS OF GOD'S IMAGE INCLUDE**
  - RATIONALITY: HUMANS HAVE THE CAPACITY FOR REASONING AND INTELLECT.
  - CREATIVITY: HUMANS POSSESS THE ABILITY TO INNOVATE, CREATE, AND APPRECIATE BEAUTY.
  - MORAL AGENCY: HUMANS HAVE A SENSE OF RIGHT AND WRONG AND THE ABILITY TO MAKE ETHICAL DECISIONS.
  - RELATIONAL CAPACITY: HUMANS ARE DESIGNED FOR RELATIONSHIPS, BOTH WITH GOD AND WITH ONE ANOTHER.

## II. FALL AND SIN

- **MANKIND'S DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD'S COMMANDS LED TO A RUPTURE IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM, RESULTING IN SIN ENTERING THE WORLD AND AFFECTING ALL SUBSEQUENT GENERATIONS.**
- *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.* Romans 5:12

## III. REDEMPTION AND RESTORATION

- The Bible teaches that God, out of His love for mankind, provided a means of redemption through Jesus Christ, offering forgiveness of sins and the restoration of the broken relationship with God.
- *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* John 3:16

## IV. HUMAN DIGNITY AND VALUE

- Scripture emphasizes the inherent dignity and value of every human being, regardless of race, ethnicity, or social status, as all are created in the image of God.
- *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.* Psalm 139:14
- **WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED, BY THEIR CREATOR, WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE (CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED OR TAKEN AWAY, INCLUDING BY THE GOVERNMENT) RIGHTS, THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY (FREE FROM CAPTIVITY OR UNREASONABLE CONTROL, PARTICULARLY BY THE GOV'T; LIBERTY IS ALSO HOW WE LIVE OUT OUR FREEDOM), AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.**
- IN THE BIBLE, THE HUMAN BEING IS OFTEN DESCRIBED AS CONSISTING OF THREE DISTINCT PARTS: BODY, SOUL, AND SPIRIT. THESE COMPONENTS REFLECT DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF HUMAN EXISTENCE AND ARE FREQUENTLY REFERENCED THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE. HERE'S A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF EACH:
  1. **Body:** Ecclesiastes 12:7 - *"and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it."*
  2. **Soul:** Matthew 10:28 - *"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."*
  3. **Spirit:** Hebrews 4:12 - *"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."*

## V. HOPE AND FUTURE

- THE BIBLE OFFERS HOPE FOR MANKIND'S FUTURE, PROMISING ULTIMATE RESTORATION AND RENEWAL, WHERE THERE WILL BE NO MORE SORROW, PAIN, OR DEATH, AND BELIEVERS WILL DWELL ETERNALLY WITH GOD.
- *He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.* Revelation 21:4

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