

What Southern Baptists Believe

An overview of *The Baptist Faith and Message 2000*

Session 7: Article III – Man

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

I. _____

A. God's _____

B. _____

II. _____ and _____

A. _____ and _____

B. _____ and _____

III. Restoration is _____

A. _____

B. Restoration is _____

C. _____ and _____

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:5,7,18-22; 3; 9:6; Psalms 1; 8:3-6;
32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Matthew 16:26;
Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18,23; 5:6,12,19; 6:6;
7:14-25; 8:14-18,29; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19,21-22;
Ephesians 2:1-22; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11

Questions for Consideration:

1. How does your view of humanity match/differ with this?
2. How do you see the current differing worldviews about humanity differ from the Bible?
3. What are some repercussions of a faulty view of humanity? (Gender, sexuality, salvation, etc)

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