

The Doctrine of Man

The Origin of Man

1. God created man (Gen 1:27; Mat 19:4-6; Mark 13:19; Eph 3:9; Col 1:16; Rev 4:11; 10:6; 2Pet 3:4).
2. God created man in His own image (Gen 1:27; James 3:9).
3. God created man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul (Gen 2:7).
4. God created man after He created the heaven and the earth, and plant life and animal life on the earth (Gen 1). Man was God's final creation on the sixth day, after which He rested from His creative work (Gen 1:24-31; 2:1,2).
5. God created man to have dominion over all the earth and every living thing that moved upon it (Gen 1:26-28), to be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth (Gen 1:28), and to dress, keep, and eat of the garden God had planted (Gen 1:29; 2:15).
6. God created man, male and female (Gen 1:27; Mark 10:6).
7. God created the male first, then the woman to be the man's helper (Gen 2:18-22; 1Tim 2:13). The first man was formed from the dust of the ground (Gen 2:7), then God made woman from a rib He took from the man (Gen 2:21).
8. The first man and woman were man and wife, one flesh, both naked, and were not ashamed (Gen 2:23-25).
9. Adam called his wife's name Eve because she was the mother of all living (Gen 3:20).

The Fall of Man

1. God created man with a free will (Gen 2:16, 17).
2. God gave Adam and Eve only one prohibition: not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen 2:16, 17).
3. The serpent beguiled and deceived Eve through his subtlety (Gen 3:1-6, 13; 2Cor 11:3; 1Tim 2:13) and she ate of the forbidden fruit (Gen 3:6). She gave to Adam, Adam hearkened to the voice of his wife, and he also ate of the tree (Gen 3:6, 17).
4. Because of this sin, their eyes were both opened and they knew that they were naked and made themselves aprons (Gen 3:7). Adam was afraid of God and hid himself from God (Gen 3:10). Because of this sin, the Lord cursed the serpent (Gen 3:14, 15), the woman (Gen 3:16), and the ground for Adam's sake (Gen 3:17-19). They were also driven from the garden of Eden (Gen 3:24). Adam and Eve died spiritually that day (Gen 2:17) and physical death was pronounced upon man (Gen 3:19). Thus, by this one man (Adam),

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sin entered the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned (Rom 5:12; 1Cor 15:22; Eph 2:5).

The Nature of Man

1. Man is physical and nonphysical, consisting of a body and soul/spirit (1Pet 3:9 with Rev 6:9; Matt 10:28 with 1Cor 5:5).
2. All have sinned (Rom 3:10-23; Isa 53:6; 64:6; Job 15:14-16; Luke 18:9-14). Natural man, outside of Christ is described as follows: shaped in iniquity, conceived in sin, altogether vanity at his best state, dead in trespasses and sins, children of disobedience, children of wrath, having no hope, without God, sinners, enemies of God, ungodly, servants of sin, evil, children of the wicked one (Psalm 51:5; 39:5; Eph 2:1-12; 2Cor 5:14; Rom 5:6-10; 6:17; Matt 7:11; 13:38).
3. Thus, unsaved man desperately needs the atonement of Jesus Christ to be reconciled to God (John 3:16; 14:6; Rom 5:10; 1Tim 2:5; Acts 4:12; Eph 1:7; Heb 2:3). The sinfulness of man also results in the need for all children to receive chastisement from their parents (Prov 13:24; 22:15; 29:15; Heb 12:9).
4. Although man cannot live a sinless life, he can be saved by receiving Jesus Christ (and His imputed righteousness) and progressively grow in Christ-likeness in his walk (Jn 1:12; 3:16, 36; 6:47; Acts 16:31; Rom 4:1-9; 8:29; 12:1,2; 2Pet 3:18; 2Cor 3:18; Gal 5:16,25).

Man's State After Death

1. The soul of man exists after death, independent of the body (Matt 17:1-3; Luke 16:19-31; Luke 23:43; Gen 35:18; 2Tim 4:6; Phil 1:21-23; 2Cor 5:1-10).
2. The soul of man is conscious after death (Matt 17:3; Rev 6:9-11; Luke 16:19-31).
3. At death, the souls of those who have trusted in the Lord depart and are immediately in His presence (Gen 35:18; 2Tim 4:6; Phil 1:23; 2Cor 5:6; Luke 23:43).
4. At death, the souls of unbelievers go immediately to hell to remain in torment until the final judgment at the great white throne, after which they will be cast into the lake of fire to experience everlasting destruction, contempt, and damnation (Luke 16:10-26; Rev 20:11-15; Dan 12:1-4; John 5:28,29; Matt 18:8; 25:41-46; 2Thes 1:9; Mark 3:29).
5. The body of man goes back to dust at death (Gen 3:19).
6. The bodies of all men will be raised in the future (Dan 12:1-4; John 5:28, 29). At Christ's coming, all believers' bodies will be fashioned like Jesus' glorious body (Job 19:25; 1Thes 4:16, 17; 1Cor 15:35-57; Phil 3:20, 21; 1John 3:2; Rom 8:23, 29).