

Handout for

## **The Human and His Problem**

**THEOLOGY**

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### **Theology EQUIP Series Review**

Why Study Theology?

1. For God's Glory
2. Corporately Reflect Christ to Others
3. Individual Sanctification and Growth
4. Doctrine Matters

### **Man and His Problem**

*Humanity is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created us 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 and woman were innocent of sin and were endowed by their Creator with freedom of choice. By their free choice they sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan they violated the command of God, and fell from their original innocence whereby all generations inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as we are capable of moral action, we become transgressors and are therefore under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring us into His holy fellowship and enable us to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created us in His own image, and in that Christ died for us; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.*

– Grace Baptist Church's Statement of Faith, Section 3

### **Doctrine of Man**

- **What is Man?**
  
- **Why was Man created?**

Isaiah 43:5-7

*"bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."*

- **How was Man created?**

Gen 1:26-28

*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.*

*28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

Created in the Image of God

1. Our essence
2. Our function
3. Relational

Created Male and Female

- **So what?**

## Doctrine of Sin

- **The Origin of Sin**

- **A Theology of Sin: Seven Statements**

1. Inherited Guilt: We are counted guilty because of Adam's sin.

Romans 5:12, *"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned –"*

Romans 5:18-19, *"Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous."*

2. Inherited Corruption: We have a sinful nature because of Adam's sin.

Psalm 51:5, *"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me."*

Psalm 58:3, *"The wicked go astray from the womb, they err from their birth, speaking lies."*

3. Total Depravity: In our natural state we lack spiritual good before God.

Genesis 6:5-6, *"The Lord saw that... every intention of the thoughts of [man's] heart was only evil continually."*

Psalm 14:2-3, *"The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who after seek God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one."*

Isaiah 64:6, *"We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment."*

Ephesians 2:1-3, *"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air."*

4. Total Inability: In our actions we are unable to do spiritual good before God.

Romans 8:7-8, *"The mind that is set on the flesh... does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God."*

1 Corinthians 2:14, *“The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.”*

2 Corinthians 4:4, *“The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”*

5. All are sinful before God.

Ps. 143:2, *“No one living is righteous before you”*

1 Kings 8:46, *“There is no one who does not sin”*

Rom 3:23, *“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”*

6. A single sin makes us legally guilty before God.

James 2:10-11, *“Whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.”*

7. We deserve God’s eternal wrath because of our sin.

Eph 2:3, *“We all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”*

John 3:36, *“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”*

**Other Resources:**

- *Human Nature in Its Fourfold State*, Thomas Boston
- *Knowing God*, J I Packer
- *Systematic Theology*, Wayne Grudem