

# Bible Basics//Session 3: Humanity

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**Critical Question:** \_\_\_\_\_ are we here for?

**Formal Doctrine:** Man was **created good and upright**; for God said, "Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness." However, man by **voluntary transgression** fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. Man's **only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ** the Son of God.

**Big Idea:** Although broken by sin, humanity is \_\_\_\_\_ by God on purpose and for a purpose.

**Key Verse:** Genesis 1:26-27 <sup>26</sup> 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."

<sup>27</sup> So God **created man in his own image**,  
in the **image of God he created him**;  
**male and female he created them**.

## What do we believe about ourselves?

We believe:

- 1) **We were made very** \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 1:31, <sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, **it was very good**. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
- 2) **We** \_\_\_\_\_ **sin**. Genesis 3:6, When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.
- 3) **Sin** \_\_\_\_\_ **us all**. Romans 5:12-14, <sup>12</sup> 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**— <sup>13</sup> for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

- 4) **God \_\_\_\_\_ us all.** Romans 2:5-11, **5** But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. **6** God "will repay each person according to what they have done." **7** To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. **8** But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. **9** There will be trouble and distress for **every human being who does evil**: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; **10** but glory, honor and peace for **everyone who does good**: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. **11 For God does not show favoritism.**
- 5) **Jesus is our only hope for \_\_\_\_\_ with God.** John 3:16-17, **16** 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. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him
- 6) **We are meant to be \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.** Romans 12:9-21, <sup>9</sup> **Let love be genuine.** Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup> **Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.** <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> **Contribute to the needs of the saints** and seek to show hospitality. <sup>14</sup> **Bless those who persecute you;** bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> **Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.** <sup>16</sup> **Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.** Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup> **Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.** <sup>18</sup> **If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.** <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, **"if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink;** for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup> **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

#### Questions to Consider:

- 1) Reflecting on this session, how does sin affect our purpose?
- 2) Why do people struggle with God's love for them?
- 3) Share something from this session that encouraged or challenged you.