

## Week 5 – Man and His Fall

Ge 1:27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

1. Who are people?
  - a. The biblical view of people recognizes the existence of both a **physical** and **metaphysical** aspect of their being.
  - b. The material part of a person is the **body**. The Bible teaches that people have:
    - i. A created body (Gen. 2:7). [1]
    - ii. A physical body (1 Cor. 15:38-40). [2]
    - iii. A body of death (Rom. 7:24). [3]
    - iv. A body of sin (Rom. 5:19). [4]
    - v. A body of humiliation (Phil. 3:21). [8]
    - vi. A body which needs discipline (1 Cor. 6:19). [9]
  - c. The Bible uses the term **soul** to identify the whole person (Song 1:7) [10] or **the life** of a person (Gen. 35:18)[11].
  - d. The term **spirit** is used to describe the mind (Gen. 8:1)[12] or breath (1 Thess. 2:8).[13]
2. Made in the image and likeness of God.
  - a. God made people **in His own image** (Gen. 1:26). He reproduced some aspect of Himself in people.
    - i. The image of God in people probably refers to their ability to think and make decisions, feel emotion, and act freely.
    - ii. The image of God has been marred by sin, but people still retain a limited use of these faculties. We were more "like" God before the fall. Christ some degree of "likeness" to God at salvation.
3. The **heart** (personality) of people.
  - a. The Bible describes the heart as the **center of a person's moral awareness** (the conscience).
  - b. The heart describes the **human personality**.
    - i. **Intellectual** activities of the heart.
      1. People think with their heart (Phil. 4:8). [18]
      2. Planning is a function of the heart (Prov. 16:9). [19]
      3. People can hide the Word of God in their heart through Scripture memory (Ps. 119:11). [20]
      4. Perception is a function of the heart (Matt. 13:14). [21]
      5. The ability to weigh evidence and make a rational and reasonable decision is a function of the heart (Mark 2:8). [22]
    - ii. The **emotional** center of our personality.
    - iii. The **exercise of the will** is an expression of the heart.

1. People are converted with their heart (Rom. 6:17).[23]
  2. Ongoing spiritual growth grows out of a heart (2 Cor. 9:7).[24]
  3. We relate to one another out of a willingness from our heart (Eph. 6:5-6).[25]
  4. The heart is the seat of **moral awareness**. We sin in our heart.
    - a. Jer. 17:9 sheet [26];Matt 15:19 sheet [27];Acts 2:37 sheet [28];  
Also Romans 2:14-16; Mark 7:21-23
    - b. Sin is done first in the heart! No reformation possible only replacement.
4. What went wrong?
- a. The biblical account of the introduction of sin into the human race.
    - i. All God had made was **"very good"** (Gen. 1:31).[29]
    - ii. The entire race fell into sin when Adam **deliberately chose** to disobey God and fulfill his own desires (1 Tim. 2:14).[30]
    - iii. So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of the fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate (Gen. 3:6). Also 1 John 2:15-17 Sheet [31]
5. The nature of sin.
- a. Sin is that which is opposed to the **character and will of God**.
  - b. People sin both in **act and attitude**.
  - c. There are three basic kinds of sin.
    - i. **Personal** sin. "For there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:22-23).
      1. A sin of **commission** (doing something wrong).
      2. A sin of **omission** (failing to do something right).
    - ii. Our **sin nature**. "If we say that we have no sin (nature), we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8).
      1. We have a desire to sin because of our sin nature.
      2. The sin nature negatively impacts our personality.
    - iii. **Imputed** sin means "to ascribe to" or "reckon over." As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12).
      1. Adam was both the seminal and representative head of the human race. We sinned in Adam. Romans 11:25-36 then Rom 5:12-20.
      2. God offers to impute Christ's righteousness to all who believe (Rom. 5:21). [33]