

**Theology: Part 4 Who is Man?**  
**God's View of Mankind**  
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**The Creation of Mankind:**  
Big Bang?  
Pool of Super sludge?  
Evolution from Animals?

If a there's a creator then there's accountability!

**The Creation of Mankind:**

Gen. 1:26: "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."

Gen. 9:6: "For in the image of God made he man."

**1) Created in God's Image**

a. Image and Likeness

**Image, Likeness:**

- Physical
- Mental
- Moral
- Spiritual

**Image, Likeness:**

- 1) Physical: God has no physical body. We must worship him in spirit and truth. We are not made like God physically. We cannot become a God.
- 2) Mental: We were create with all knowledge, righteousness and holiness. Our sinful nature attacked even our minds. God desires us to have his likeness again.
- 3) Morality: Man has the aptitude to know and choose right from wrong. No one told Adam and Eve they sinned but they knew it and hide from God.
- 4) Spirituality: We are made with a spirit that is eternal. God breathed life into our physical bodies giving us a spirit. We are the only creation that He created this way.

Man has fallen because of sin and God created a redemption plan and desires us to be in right relationship with him. He desires us to have a newness of our minds like before the fall.

*Eph.4:22-24: <sup>22</sup>You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup>to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

*Col.3:8-10: <sup>8</sup>But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.*

## **2) We were created to do good works:**

*Eph 4:8-10: <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

God is Good and what He creates is good. We are His workmanship but are now sinful and can not please him without faith. God desires to restore His creation to do His Good.

## **3) His Plan to Redeem Us**

We must understand that we are all sinners before we can see Him as a redeemer.

Romans 2:22-24: This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Gal 4:4-7: <sup>4</sup>But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. <sup>6</sup>Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Gal 3:13-14: <sup>13</sup>Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” <sup>14</sup>He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

**Sin has a price...**

**Sin = death.**

**Jesus paid for our sins...**

**Jesus = Payment for Death**

2 Cor 5:21: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

God has redeemed those who would have faith and believe that His Son died and rose again as the payment for our sin.