

Introduction to Christian Theology: Class 4 Outline

Humanity and Sin

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I. Introduction- Nature's Riddle or God's Problem Child?

- The Current Battlefield of Conflicting Viewpoints
- The Great Question of the 21st Century: What is a Human Being?
 - Who are we? What are we? Where did we come from? What is the meaning of life?

II. Essential Human Nature

A. Humanity in Relationship to God

1. Our Origin----Christian viewpoints--
 - a. Direct Creationism--
 - b. Progressive Creationism--
 - c. Theistic Evolution--
2. Imago Dei-The Image of God--
3. Dichotomy, trichotomy or unity?--

B. Persons in Relationship to Neighbors

1. Social Animal--
2. Man & Woman--
 - Equal in dignity
 - Complimentary to each other
3. Human Sexuality--

C. Humanity & The Created Order

Dominion and Stewardship

III. Humanity-Sin-It's Nature, Extent and Effects

A. The Fall of Humanity

1. Literal View--
2. Mythical View--
3. Historical View--

B. Nature and Extent

1. Nature of Sin---erring; going astray; lawlessness; rebellion directed against God

2. The Extent of Sin – “Total Depravity”

C. The Effects of Sin

1. In Relation to God—

2. In Relation to One’s Neighbor—

3. In Relation to Self—

IV. Humanity in Grace – The Great Exchange from being in Adam to being in Christ