

## MAN, CREATION'S CROWN

Even though we know much about the history and nature of mankind, there are many seemingly unanswerable questions which are posed by science, philosophy, and theology. What if, rather than being competing disciplines, these three human pursuits are on a course for 100% agreement? How cool would that be?

The Bible teaches us that the eternal part of us is our soul. Worth investigating, is it not?

Mankind was created in the image of God (1) as the crown of God's earthly creating activity. He was created to please God and enjoy Him forever (2).

I believe according to the authority of the Scriptures and the consistent testimony of history that man is fallen as a race (3) and headed down the path of destruction (4). This spiritual death and alienation spread to all men through the sin of Adam and Eve (5) who, as agents of the human race, reflected in every way the nature and responsibility of all men.

As a result we have become sons of the devil (6) apart from the regenerating work of God through belief in the Lord Jesus Christ (7). We grope until such a time as those who believe come to faith (8) and find hope in the resurrection from the dead and immortality through the Gospel (9).

Every "child of Adam" is born into the world with a nature devoid of divine life and is essentially and unchangeably evil apart from the work of divine grace (10).

I cling to you, O Lord, knowing that I am truly lost and spiritually dead in my sins apart from your redeeming grace in the Lord Jesus Christ (11)!

1...Genesis 1:24-31; 2 Corinthians 4:6-7

2...Matthew 22:34-40; Revelation 22:1-5

3...Romans 3:9-23; Ephesians 2:12,13

4... Matthew 7:13,14; Revelation 20:11-15

5...Romans 5:18,19; 1 Corinthians 15:22

6...John 8:44; Ephesians 2:1-10

7...Romans 5:6-11; John 3:14-16

8...Acts 17:22-28; Hebrews 11:1-3,6

9...1 Corinthians 15:50-58; Revelation 20:4-6

10...Psalm 51:5; Acts 4:5-12

11...Ephesians 2:1-10; Acts 16:19-34