

Basic Theology

What Is Man Like?

Read Genesis 1:26-27 and 2:7.

What basic truths do these verses teach about what man is like?

1) God created

Fundamental truth - God is god, we are not
There is no man without God, why we have been studying his nature before ours
Application – cuts the foundation out from atheism, evolution, Marxism/communism
Also guard against psychology that starts from a point other than this

2) Image of God

Man is like God in a unique way
Likeness - resembles but is not identical (bring a coin)
Image - represents something else (someone's phone)

See Gen 5:2-3

Col 3:10 - knowledge
Eph 4:24 - righteousness and holiness

James 3:9 deals with conduct toward people in likeness of God

Application – we are different from animals, so should treat each other differently than animals

3) Male and female

Genesis 1:27 - equal image bearers, equal purpose
Genesis 2:7, 22 - different by design,
Unity and diversity of male and female inherent at creation, and is very good
Application – marriage, family, transgender movement

4) Body/spirit

Dust/breath
Bring death around to this later
Other passages (Matt 10:28, Jas 2:26)
Application – resurrection includes the body, reject overly spiritual/nonmaterial thinking

5) Rule according to word

1:28-29
2:15-17
Other passages Psalm 8, Psalm 149, Daniel 7:17-18,21-22,27;
2 Cor 6:3; 2 Tim 2:12, Rev 20:6

Summary: God created man in his image, male and female, body and spirit, to rule the earth according to God's word.