

TRUTHS WE LIVE BY (5)

About Human Beings

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"We believe that mankind, originally created perfect in God's image, fell into sin in Adam, and consequently we are all by nature under God's wrath and subject to both sin and death if left to our own dispositions and designs."

◆ **What we believe**

—Sin is the best news there could ever be for people in our _____. Why? Because with sin, there's a _____.

—How could it possibly be good to ignore the fact that something about this world has made the absolutely _____ God extremely _____?

1. *"We believe that mankind, originally created perfect in God's image"*

(The D_____ of Mankind)

Gen 1:27-31

—We're so familiar with the awful _____ of man, we forget the original _____ of man.

Gen 9:6, James 3:9

—There has never been a _____ in the history of the earth.

—The Bible is the only document that gives anything like a credible _____ for a _____ view of man.

—Our value is derived from the high _____ we were given as those with God's _____ in us.

—Being in God's image means we stand between the earthly and heavenly worlds as a _____ of sorts. (Psalm 8)

GOD



God's breath
MAN
Common dust



CREATION

—Four elements of God's image in man:

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____

2. *"fell into sin in Adam, and consequently we are all by nature under God's wrath"*
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—S-I-N and P-R-I-D-E

Gen 3, Eph 2:1-3, Rom 1:21-23

—Elements of disobedience:

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

Rom 3:10, 5:12, 2Cor 8:9, Rom 5:19

—_____ = what someone else does—either good or bad—is _____ to another person. This is how sin got to all of us from _____—without _____.

—Wrath is God's holy _____ against sin and sinners that prompts Him to _____ and _____ the sinner.

3. *"and subject to both sin and death if left to our own dispositions and designs."*

(The D_____ of Man)

—So thoroughly _____, you can't get back

—Not that you can't ever do a _____ thing or that you always do the _____ evil

—Means you never do even a _____ thing that isn't _____ by sin and self

—There's nothing a fallen man can do that God can fully _____ of

Romans 1:24-32 ("God gave them over...")

—Mankind is now a strange mix of God's image and fallen rebellion

—means we find sin completely _____

◆ WHY we believe

—Based on the Bible; and then corroborated by looking at your _____ and your _____ and then at _____

◆ Why we BEHAVE

Issue: living in a depraved world

1. J _____

2. E _____

3. D _____

◆ What YOU believe

Are you here with a sense of deep conviction that you're a sinner and that without God's help you are condemned forever? Are you feeling how hard it is to leave the prison of your sins?