

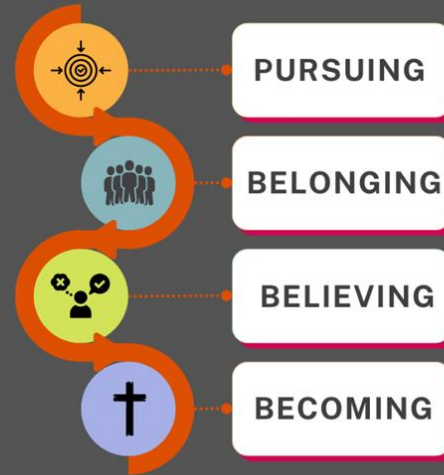
MAN & SIN

Christian Knowledge & Living

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MY NEXT STEPS



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Growth in Christ

Christian Knowledge

This is about knowing what God has revealed to us about who he is and what is important to him and how he revealed himself in Jesus Christ.

Christian Living

This is about how we are to respond to God's presence in our lives. How to know him, pray, use his word, and worship him

Christian Training

This is about the how to's: How can I share the gospel with others?; How can I be hospitable? The answers to these questions will change as culture changes, but, we need to "be prepared to make a defense for the hope that is us" when God gives the opportunity.

Christian Serving

This is about serving and doing and practicing what we have learned. It is about how do we work together in the church to do God's will.

Genesis 1:27-28

God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.

Created for His glory

- Isaiah 43:7
- John 10:10
- Psalm 16:11
- Zephaniah 3:17

Question 1

What is our only hope in life and death?

That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ

Romans 14:7–8

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Created in God's image

So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

Responsibilities as creatures in god's image

- 1. Stewardship of Creation:** One of the primary responsibilities of humans is to exercise stewardship over the earth. This involves caring for and managing God's creation responsibly, reflecting His authority and creativity.
- 2. Moral Responsibility:** Being made in God's image implies a moral dimension to human existence. Individuals are called to make ethical choices, reflecting God's righteousness and justice in their interactions with others and the world.
- 3. Relational Responsibilities:** Humans are designed for relationships, both with God and with one another. This includes fostering love, respect, and community, as well as living in harmony with others as a reflection of God's relational nature.
- 4. Worship and Service:** Worshiping God is central to the human experience. This responsibility encompasses both personal devotion and corporate worship, highlighting the importance of acknowledging God's sovereignty and giving Him glory in all aspects of life.
- 5. Reflecting God's Character:** As image-bearers, humans are called to reflect God's character in their actions and attitudes. This includes exhibiting qualities such as love, kindness, and mercy, which demonstrate the nature of God to the world.

Discussion Questions Round 1

- Why where we created? What are some specific examples of ways we can fulfill the purpose for which we were created?
- What does it mean to be created In God's image? How does that affect your view of yourself?
- What are our responsibilities as Gods image bearers? What are some ways you and your church can fulfill those responsibilities?

What is sin?

Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

Sin

4 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. **5** But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. **6** No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.¹ John 3:4-6

Original Sin: The verse refers to Adam as "the one man" whose disobedience brought sin into the world. As a result, all humanity is affected by this original sin, leading to a sinful nature in every person ("the many were made sinners"). This concept is central to the doctrine of original sin, which teaches that Adam's fall has repercussions for all his descendants.

Christ's Obedience: The "one man" in the second part of the verse refers to Jesus Christ. His obedience to God—culminating in His sacrificial death on the cross—provides the means for salvation. Just as Adam's disobedience brought sin, Christ's obedience leads to righteousness for those who believe ("the many will be made righteous").

Redemptive Parallel: The verse highlights a parallel between Adam and Christ, contrasting their roles in the history of salvation. While Adam introduced sin and death, Christ offers grace and life. This emphasizes the transformative power of Christ's work and the hope of redemption available to all.

God allowing sin

Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

This verse emphasizes that God orchestrates all events, including the presence of sin, for the good of His people.

Genesis 50:20: "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

Joseph's words highlight how God can use human intentions, including sinful actions, for His greater purpose.

Ephesians 1:11: "In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will."

This verse points to God's sovereign control over all things, including sin.

God allowing sin

2 Peter 3:9: "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

This verse illustrates God's patience, allowing sin to persist so that more may come to repentance.

Romans 5:20: "But where sin increased, grace increased all the more."

This passage underscores that God's grace abounds in response to sin, highlighting His mercy and the purpose behind allowing sin to exist.

- 1 John 3:9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.
- 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

There's a way out!

13 No temptation[c] has overtaken you except what is common to mankind.

And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted[d] beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted,[e] he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Discussion Questions Round 2

- What is sin? How does it affect our lives and the world we live in?
- Will Christians continue to sin? Why or why not?
- What are some of the negative results of sin in the life of a Christian? What should Christians do if they sin?
- How was sin defeated? How does this make you feel? Take a moment to pray, telling God how His defeat of sin make you feel.



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FALL					
Date	Step	Topic	Description	Resource	Teacher
9/8/24	1	Assessment	Joint Session	Assessment	Dave Baker
	2	Read My Next Steps			
9/15/24	3	God's Word	God's Word is how we know what is true. Because he has told us.	Christian Beliefs Ch 1	Tony Guzman
9/22/24	4	God himself	Who is God? What is he like? What is important to him?	Christian Beliefs Ch 2	Jeffrey Crews
	5	Action Step			
9/29/24	6	What is the Trinity?	What does it mean that God is three Persons, yet one God?	Christian Beliefs Ch 3	Dave Baker
10/6/24	Break				
10/13/24	7	Man and his sin	Who are humans supposed to be? What happened to us walking with God?	Christian Beliefs Ch 7 & 8	Emiliano Romero
10/20/24	8	Christ and Salvation	Who is Jesus Christ? What has he done for us?	Christian Beliefs Ch 9 & 10	Tony Guzman
10/27/24	9	Salvation and me	What happens when I am saved?	Christian Beliefs Ch 13-15	Vic Rosenbaum
11/3/24	10	What is the church?	How do we live with other believers?	Christian Beliefs Ch 17	Steve Shenk
11/10/24	11	Can I be sure that I am saved?	Having assurance of your salvation	Growing in Christ, Ch 1	Bryan Rosenbaum
	12	Action Step			
11/17/24	13	Assurance of Answered Prayer	How to pray	Growing in Christ, Ch 2	Tony Guzman