

Christian Doctrine

Mankind (Conclusion)

The Gift of Life

God has given each one of us the gift of life. Each one of us is able to enjoy the blessings that come with being part of God's creation. This in itself is truly an awesome thing. However, when we take into account that, as human beings, we were uniquely created, our existence takes on a whole new meaning. We can see that we were created in the very image of God Himself. We are able to learn how our lives can be used to bring God glory. And we can recognize that God has a plan for each one of us. As a part of the human race, we are able to have a perspective on life that no other creature can have. And though our fall into sin brought upon us serious consequences, it did not come as a surprise to God. Because of His matchless love, He provided us with a solution to the dilemma. As [Romans 5:8](#) says, "God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Through the blood of Christ, we can now have new life in Him.

All to the Glory of God

The cross has added another dynamic to mankind. Those who have trusted in Christ have become a "new creation" ([II Cor. 5:17](#)). Not only do we know who God is, but we have experienced His grace and mercy in a personal way. Despite the fall, mankind still remains God's treasured creation. This should give us an even greater motivation for fulfilling our duty to bringing glory to God. Just as [I Corinthians 6:20](#) tells us, "For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body." Not only were we created by God and able to know Him personally, but we are able to live our lives in a way that reflects how truly wonderful our Creator is. Because of God, our lives have real meaning, purpose and hope. May we always keep in the forefront of our minds the significance of who God has made us to be, and may we be driven to make every aspect of our lives count for the glory and honor of the One who has brought us into existence!