

Christian Doctrine

Mankind (Intro)

The Wonder of Life

Life is truly an amazing thing. We are often so preoccupied with the business of life that we fail to appreciate life itself. God has given each one of us the privilege of being alive. He determined when we would be born, which family we would be born into, and even what we would look like (Ps. 139:14-16). We are all unique, having our own appearance and personality, yet we all share many things in common:

- All people can enjoy the beauty of creation.
- All people want to be loved and have companionship.
- All people seek meaning and purpose.
- All people have a body, soul and spirit.
- All people have the same basic needs of food, water, air, sleep, etc.

Despite all of the different cultures and nationalities our world has, it is easy to see that in many ways, all people are quite similar. It is these similarities that make us part of the human race, the treasure of God's creation.

In Search of Answers

Just as we all share similar desires and experiences, each one of us share similar questions about our lives that we must answer. Where did we come from? Why are we here? What are we supposed to do? These fascinating and deep questions have occupied the thoughts of mankind throughout human history. How we answer these questions will determine whether our lives will be filled with confusion and hopelessness or filled with purpose and meaning. As we go through this study, we will look at God's Word to see what answers our Creator gives to these questions. In the end, our goal will be to gain a biblical understanding of what God has to say about our existence.

Oh Lord, what is man that you regard him, or the son of man that you think of him? Psalm 144:3