



Introduction:

- Last week we began a 4-week sermon series on four of the major doctrines of the Bible. Specifically, we began with the Bible's teaching on the doctrine of God: who He is and what He does. When it comes to God, it's all good news.
- This morning, however, we're going to learn what the Bible teaches us about humanity. When it comes to mankind, there's good news and there's bad news.

The Good News About Humanity (Genesis 1:25-28)

Who:

Why:

How:

Every person was created in the _____.

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Because we have been created in the image of God:

- Every person is a divinely crafted _____ (Ephesians 2:10).

• Every person _____ (Matthew 10:31).

• Every person is _____ (John 3:16)

• Every person finds joy and satisfaction in knowing God and fulfilling His purpose for their life (Genesis 1:25-26).

The Bad News About Humanity (Genesis 3:1-6)

Every person became _____ (Romans 5:12).

Sin is like a virus that has infected every person. It's a global epidemic. While God created human beings as "good" and with the wonderful capacity to know Him, enjoy Him, serve Him and love Him, sin distorted who we are. People are now depraved. We are corrupt morally and wayward from God.

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Sin has its consequences in our lives (Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:1-3; Colossians 2:13a).

• _____ from God in this life.

• Eternal _____ for our sins in the next.

Conclusion:

Every person can be _____.

*But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace
and with his wounds we are healed.*

Isaiah 53:5