

1 ☐ BIBLE BASICS

2 ☐ Review of Man's Creation

1 ☐ Give the basic facts of Creation

God created all things in 6 literal 24-hour days about 6,000 years ago.

What is the difference between your outward and inward man?

Outward is body, inward is spirit and soul

What verse says to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord?

2 ☐ 2 Corinthians 5:8

What are some things that show we are in the image of God?

Man has a soul, personality, moral consciousness, righteousness, the ability to think abstractly, an understanding of beauty and emotion, and, above all, the capacity for worshiping and loving God.

3 ☐ Man's Family

What does God tell us about the family?

4 ☐ Disclaimer

■ Much of this lesson is gleaned from Curt Daniel, *Basic Christian Doctrines 22, "The Family"*, theWord edition.

■ I appreciate much of the material Curt Daniel wrote on the family included in this lesson. However, I have deleted parts, edited some parts, and also added some references. I do not endorse all that Curt Daniel may believe. *Pastor Scott Childs*

5 ☐ God Created Man, Male and Female

■ God created Adam as the first man Genesis 1:27; 5:2. Out of one of his ribs, God created Eve, the first woman.

■ There are thus only two sexes. It is unnatural and unbiblical to suggest other options as homosexuality or lesbianism. In fact God forbids homosexuality (Leviticus 18:22).

■ God also created man and woman to be different in several ways, reflecting the roles God has for each. Generally, men are stronger, more aggressive, more analytical, brave, and leaders. Generally, women are weaker, more protective, more intuitive and instinctive, able to nurture, and completers.

6 ☐ Adam and Eve were the first two humans

■ That is common knowledge to most of us. (Genesis 1:27; 2:7, 21-23; 3:20).

■ Genesis 1 and 2 clearly teaches that Adam and Eve were individuals, not mere half-animal Neanderthals. Nor was there any kind of "pre-Adamic race", as suggested by weird esoteric theories, as in some extreme forms of the Gap Theory. The first man was every bit as human as any man today... (Study Romans 5:12-19; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; 1 Timothy 2:13-14)

7 ☐ All men are descended from Adam

■ Adam was the father of all mankind. All were "in Adam" (1 Corinthians 15:22). Even Eve was taken out of him... Acts 17:26 says God made all peoples everywhere from this one man, and we share the same life-giving essence of blood. We are all related to each other.

■ Though there are differences of skin colour, language, intellect, customs and history, we all have more in common than we have in distinction. Adam was also our "federal head", or representative in Eden. When he fell, we fell. We inherit his human nature and also his sin.

8 ☐ God Ordained Marriage

■ God created Eve out of Adam in order to re-unite them in the special bond of matrimony. It was God's idea, not Adam's. Genesis 2:18-25 shows the main reasons for marriage then and now: companionship, to reproduce the race, to serve God better in the work God gives, and to serve as an example of spiritual relationship with God.

■ Marriage is a Creation ordinance, and so is applicable to all men, not just Christians. God's rule is 1 man, 1 woman, 1 lifetime. God does not permit polygamy, incest, homosexuality, and other such things... (Study Hebrews 13:4)

9 ☐ God commands husbands to love their wives

■ The main duty God gave husbands is, "Husbands, love your wives" (Ephesians 5:25; Colossians 3:19; 1 Peter 3:7).

■ He is to sacrifice his wants for her needs, even willing to die for her as Christ died for the Church. He is to protect and provide for her, lead her, be gentle and courageous, and cherish and nourish her.

■ He should imitate Christ in His dealings with the Church, not imitate the views of the world. God has fitted men for this and it is their prime duty.

10 ☐ God commands wives to submit to their husbands

■ Submission is the main duty of a wife (Ephesians 5:22; Colossians 3:18; 1 Peter 3:1-6). She is to obey him, respect him, and follow his lead. She must submit to his authority when he exercises it within the God-ordained circle, and of course, must not follow him if he goes outside that boundary... The wife is also to learn from him in silence (1 Timothy. 2:11-12). All this is very unpopular and politically incorrect, but it is right and true.

■ All breakdowns in marriage can be traced back to either or both not doing what God tells them to do.

11 ☐ God commands couples to have children.

■ Genesis 1:28 states very explicitly that one of the major reasons for marriage is the reproduction of mankind. God forbids us having children outside of marriage. Children are a blessing from the Lord (Psalm 127:3-5). Having children is not an optional luxury left to the whims of husbands and wives. Of course, God sometimes providentially withholds children from some couples for a variety of reasons...

■ Finally, parents are to raise their children by the Bible, in the instruction of the Lord, with love and firmness, with appropriate discipline and patience.

12 ☐ God commands children to obey their parents

■ The major duty of children is to obey their parents (Colossians 3:20, Ephesians 6:1-3).

■ They do not have authority with or over their parents. God does not allow child voting, "kids' rights", or other such Humanistic ungodliness. Parents must teach. Children must learn. Parents must discipline. Children must submit to it.

■ Children are under their parents' authority until they marry and leave the home, or until both parents die...

13 ☐ God planned marriage for life

■ When the Pharisees questioned Jesus about divorce, He made it clear that marriage was for life. When God joins a couple in marriage, man has no right to break that union (Matthew 19:5-6).

■ The "fornication exception" (Matthew 5:32; 19:9) applied to Jews during engagement. This exception is not mentioned in parallel passages written

to Gentiles (Mark 10:11-12; Romans 7:2-3; 1Corinthians 7:10-11).

■ Like any sin, God can forgive divorce and remarriage if it is confessed, but it is still wrong. If you have been through divorce, you know the pain. Warn others!

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Review of Man's Creation

How many sexes did God create?

Two: Male and Female

Who ordained Marriage? Give Bible reference.

God, Genesis 2:24

What is God's rule for marriage?

1 man, 1 woman, for 1 lifetime

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What is a husband's main duty?

Love his wife as Christ loves, lead

What is a wife's main duty?

Submit to her husband as the church submits to Christ, respect him, complete him

What is a child's major duty?

Obey his parents

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Let's Get Practical

■ How can we best uphold marriage as God ordained it to be?

■ What makes a husband's duty so difficult?

■ What makes a wife's duty so difficult?

■ Why do children struggle to obey their parents?