

4. Anthropology– The Doctrine of Man

1. Definition of Anthropology

Anthropology is the study of human nature, origin, essence, purpose, sin, redemption, and destiny.

In theology, anthropology seeks to understand human identity in relation to God.

2. The Creation of Man

1) Genesis 1:26–27

“Let us make man in our image…”

2) Humans were created in the image of God (Imago Dei) as spiritual beings capable of fellowship with God.

3. The Nature of Man

1) Dualistic Structure:

(1) Body: Material, physical being

(2) Soul or Spirit: Immaterial, capable of communion with God

(3) Holistic Being: Humans are complex, possessing mind, will, emotions, and conscience.

4. The Fall of Man

1) Genesis 3: Through Adam and Eve's disobedience, sin entered the world.

2) Paul writes in Romans 5: “Through one man's transgression, many died.”

3) The fall corrupted the entirety of human faculties—intellect, emotions, and will.

5. Human Sinfulness and Inability

1) Paul declares that all have sinned (Romans 3:10, 3:23)

2) Humans are unable to justify or save themselves (Ephesians 2:1–3)

3) Total Depravity: Every aspect of human nature is affected by sin.

6. Redemption and Restoration

- 1) Restoration is possible only through the cross of Jesus Christ.
 - 2) New Creation: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - 3) Through the work of the Holy Spirit, believers are gradually transformed into the image of Christ (Sanctification)
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7. The Purpose of Man

- 1) To glorify God and enjoy Him forever (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q1)
 - 2) Calling and vocation: To live for the expansion of God's Kingdom.
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8. Eschatological Understanding of Man

- 1) Hope in the resurrection and eternal life
 - 2) Complete redemption: even the body will be glorified (Romans 8:23)
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9. Characteristics of Pauline Anthropology

- 1) Emphasis on the universality of sin (Romans 3:9–20)
- 2) Justification by faith (Romans 3:28)
- 3) New life through the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5)
- 4) Restoration of identity in Christ (Ephesians 2:1–10)