

# What is Man?

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# Question

Psa. 8:4 “What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?”

# *What is Man?*

- A threefold being: soul, spirit and body

- His soul created in the image of God

- Gen. 1:26-27 “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

# *What is Man?*

- A threefold being: soul, spirit and body
  - His *spirit* (life principle) shared with all creatures
    - 1 Thess. 5:23 “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

# *What is Man?*

- A threefold being: soul, spirit and body
  - His body from the dust of the ground
    - Gen. 2:7 “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

# *What is Man?*

- A threefold being: soul, spirit and body
  - A **new body** promised when Jesus comes back
    - 1 Cor. 15:50-54
    - 1 Jno. 3:2 “Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

# *What is Man?*

## ■ Object of God's love

- Jno. 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”
- Rom. 5:8 “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

# *What is Man?*

## ■ Capable of returning love

### – To God

- 1 Jno. 4:19 “We love Him because He first loved us.”

### – To Brethren

- 1 Jno. 4:11, 20-21 “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.”

# *What is Man?*

## ■ Capable of returning love

– To all

- Matt. 22:37-39 “Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”
- Gal. 6:10 “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

# *What is Man?*

## ■ Capable of Glorifying God

- 1 Cor. 10:31 “Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”
- Eph. 3:21 “To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”
- A capacity lost in sin, but regained in Christ
  - 2 Cor. 5:17-21

# *What is Man?*

## ■ One who possesses free-will

### – He can seek

- Matt. 6:33 “But **seek** first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

### – He can obey

- Heb. 5:9 “And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,”
- Acts 17:27 “So that they **should seek the Lord**, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;”

### – He can follow Christ

- Matt. 16:24 “Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”

# *What is Man?*

## ■ One who is born without sin

- Eze 18:20 "The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

# *What is Man?*

- **One who is responsibility for his actions**

- 2 Cor. 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”