



Doctrine of Man

Part 1: Anthropology: “Smoke and Mirrors”

Anthropology: *Anthropos*= human being. And *logos*=study of. (The Study of Humanity)

- The Doctrine of Anthropology within Systematic Theology is connected to the “Doctrine of Humanity”.
- Anthropology asks the questions: What is man? Who is man? What does it mean to be human? How should we think of ourselves?
- **Atheist anthropology:**
 - **Materialism**=“Man as machine”,
 - **Sexual humanism:** “humans are their sexuality”.
 - **Psychological or Therapeutic man:** “Humans are their emotions made up of their past events.
 - **Racial Man:** Humans are their ethnicity.
- **Christian Anthropology** is the study of humanity through the lens of God’s Word.

1. What does God say humans are? Who does God say that humans are? *Psalm 8:4-5*

a. Humans are made in the Image of God

b. Functional and Ontological aspect of God’s image

- i. We **Functionally** are like God. We function as an ambassador of God, a co-regent over the earth, we represent God to the World.
- ii. Our **Being** (*Ontos or Ont*) is like God.

1. The Imago Dei is eternal

2. The Imago Dei is in every person

3. The Imago Dei is relational

c. The Fall's effect on the Imago Dei:

i. We maintain the "Image of God" after the Fall but it is fractured

d. The Image Redeemed in Salvation

i. God's full image is being restored in us in the process of sanctification.

2. What are humans to do?

a. God created humans to Rule and Multiply:

i. Care for Creation (including other people)

ii. Spread the Imago Dei

1. We are made in the image of God to image God.

2. We are made by God, for God, to know God.

iii. The Great Commission

3. Christ is the Imago Dei and reflects perfect humanity to us.

a. **"Christ IS the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation."** Colossians 1:15, Heb 1:1-3

i. Christ rules perfectly.

ii. Christ multiplies his disciples unto the ends of the earth

iii. Christ perfectly images God to us.