

# **DOCTRINAL STATEMENT**

**Man** - We believe that man was originally created in the image and likeness of God, but that he sinned by disobeying God. He thereby incurred spiritual and physical death. Spiritual death, which is separation from God, has been transmitted to the entire human race, the man Christ Jesus being the only exception, so that all are sinners by nature and practice.

**MAN in scripture is divided into three types**

- 1. MAN as created by God before the fall**
- 2. MAN after the fall**
- 3. The new MAN Jesus Christ**

## MAN'S CREATION BY GOD

This is a unqualified declaration in the Word

**Gen 1:26-27** *And God said, Let us **make man** in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. And **God created man** in his own image, in the image of **God created he him; male and female created he them.***

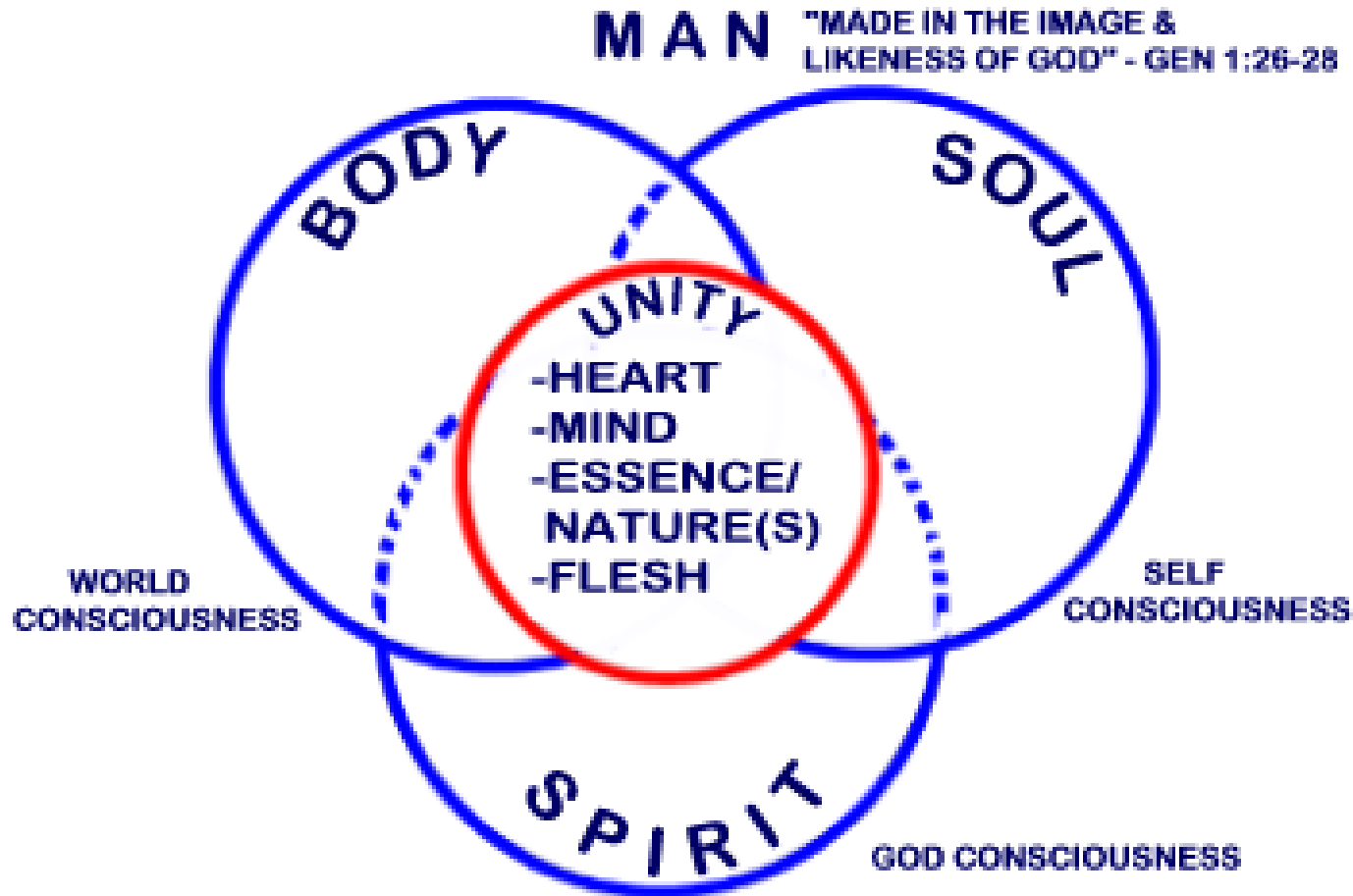
We are not dealing so much with the makeup of man in Genesis 1:26, but rather God describes His intentions for him, his place and responsibilities, more than his being.

**Gen 2:7 And Jehovah God formed man of the *dust of the ground*, and *breathed into* his nostrils the *breath of lifes*; and man became a *living soul*.**

### **Three elements:**

1. The material element “ The dust of the ground”
2. The crucial factor “ The breath of Lives”
3. The final issue “ Man became a living soul”

# Man: His Creation



## *“Dust of the ground”*

Most people will accept the material side of man's being. This is a direct and immediate creation of God

'**Adam**', from *adamah*, means 'of the earth'. (It also includes a color element: *red* earth.)

**God formed the body of man from existing material He had already created.**

# THE MATERIAL PART OF MAN

## THE BODY (WORLD CONSCIOUSNESS)

- IT IS FORMED OR FASHIONED BY GOD FROM THE DUST (ELEMENTS) OF THE GROUND. GEN. 2:7
- IT IS GIVEN LIFE BY THE BREATH (OR SPIRIT OF GOD). GEN. 2:7
- IT IS A NATURAL OR SOULISH BODY – ADAPTED TO THE SOUL & EARTHLY ENVIRONMENT. 1 COR.15:44
- OUR MORTAL BODIES ARE NEUTRAL. THEY ARE NEITHER SINFUL OR RIGHTEOUS – BUT CAN MANIFEST EITHER. GAL. 5:19-23
- THE LIFE OF THE BODY IS SUSTAINED BY GOD VIA THE SOUL & THE SPIRIT. LU. 16:19-31
- THE BODY RETURNS TO THE DUST (ELEMENTS)OF THE GROUND GEN.3:19

***“breathed into his nostrils the breath of lives”***

## **The immaterial part of man**

**Not said that this part of man was divinely created or made of existing material**

**There was a direct transmission of lives from the Eternal God into man's body.**

**Man was exalted to a place of surpassing dignity and honor.**

**The human soul and spirit are originated from God Himself and thus is in His likeness and image**

## ***Breathed into his nostrils the breath of lives***

**Here we have two aspects.**

1. "The Lord God"—the One Who effects.
2. "The breath of lives"—the means He uses

.When the animal part of man is in view there is nothing said which would support the idea that there is a oneness of image or likeness between the created and the Creator.

.But when we are considering that part of man's being in which he is the image and likeness of God, man has a higher nature, and this is communicated directly, not created.



**Gen 1:26-27 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:**

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| 1. God is a spirit | Man has a spirit |
| 2. God is not soul | Man has a soul   |
| 3. God is not body | Man has a body   |
| 4. God is person   | Man is person    |

God determined to have all His dealings with man, and to fulfil all His purpose through man, by means of that in man which was after His own likeness, that is, his person and spirit.

# Man: His Creation

## 4. HOW CAN WE KNOW GOD'S IMAGE ?

MAN: IMAGE & LIKENESS OF GOD -GEN 1:26,27

### GOD'S GLORY

HHOLY  
RIGHTEOUS  
JUST

INFINITE  
OMNIPOTENT  
  
OMNIPRESENT  
OMNISCIENT

SELF EXISTENT  
( ETERNAL)

### MAN'S GLORY (IN CHRIST)

CAPACITY TO BE SET APART TO GOD - 1PET 1:15  
“ “ “ RIGHTEOUS - ROM 6:19  
“ “ “ JUST (FAIR)

FINITE  
CAPACITY TO MANIFEST GOD'S EMPOWERMENT  
-JN 15:5 ; PHIL 4:13  
  
IN ONE PLACE AT A TIME  
CAPACITY TO THINK ABSTRACTLY, REASON,  
UNDERSTAND, INTELLIGENCE

DEPENDENT ON GOD FOR PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL  
LIFE; MAN IS ETERNAL - GEN 2:7

## Man: His Creation

### 4. HOW CAN WE KNOW GOD'S IMAGE ?

#### MAN: IMAGE & LIKENESS OF GOD - GEN 1:26,27

##### GOD'S GLORY

##### MAN'S GLORY (IN CHRIST)

LOVE

CAPACITY TO LOVE & WORSHIP GOD,  
“ “ MANIFEST GOD'S LOVE

GRACE  
MERCY

CAPACITY TO MANIFEST GOD'S GRACE  
“ “ “ MERCY

IMMUTABLE

CHANGEABLE – BUT CAN CHANGE FOR THE GOOD,  
i.e. CONFORMED TO IMAGE OF CHRIST  
WE CAN LIARN & IDENTIFY WITH THE TRUTH  
WE CAN MANIFEST CHRIST'S FAITHFULNESS

TRUTH  
FAITHFUL

SPIRIT

WE HAVE AN ETERNAL SPIRIT & CAN  
FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

SOVERIGN

WE ARE SUBJECTS TO GOD;  
BEFORE THE FALL GOD GAVE MAN DOMINION  
OVER ALL LIFE & THE EARTH

## Creation and communication:

- The spirit of man is not an act of creation, but rather in the nature of procreation.
- This **breath of lives** procreated man's spirit. Something which being out from God, is an organ, or faculty, as well as a function.

**Zechariah 12:1** *The burden of the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. Thus saith Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens, and lays the foundation of the earth, and **forms the spirit of man within him:***

From the general teaching of Scripture we conclude that it was the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of life, who breathed into man, and by this breathing not only made him animate, i.e. put the body-soul life, into him, but formed the link with God, the human spirit

## **By his union with God in spirit,**

1. Adam was conditioned by God to have everything in relation to and by dependence upon God.
2. Adam's spirit is the principle of life which was breathed into man by God.
3. Man's spirit allows man to know God & fellowship with God:  
pre-fall (Adam walked with God = fellowship) – Gen. 3:8
4. Adam's knowledge and his power were to be essentially spiritual.

**A *spiritual* relationship through a *spirit* organ and function made this possible.**

## **Man became a *living soul*.**

### ***Can we distinguish between soul and spirit?***

*“The distinction between soul and spirit is as incomprehensible as life itself, and the efforts of men to frame definitions must always be unsatisfactory.”*

***Lewis Sperry Chafer***

***Soul:*** Immaterial part of man which relates to life, action, emotion, environment, or mind, emotion, and will.

***Spirit:*** Immaterial part of man which relates to worship, fellowship with God, and Divine connection and influence from God.

# Three scriptures the distinguish between soul and spirit

**1 Cor. 15:44** *it is sown a **natural body**; it is raised a **spiritual body**. If there is a **natural body**, there is also a **spiritual body**.*

**1 Thess. 5:23** *And the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your **spirit** and **soul** and body be preserved entire, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Hebrews 4:12** *For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of **soul** and **spirit**, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

# THE IMMATERIAL PART OF MAN

## **SOUL: (SELF-AWARENESS)**

THE SOUL IS THAT ASPECT OF THE IMMATERIAL PART OF MAN THAT IS RELATED TO NATURAL OR EARTHLY LIFE & LIFE FUNCTIONS:

MENTALITY (INTELLECT, DISCERNMENT, THINKING, REASONING, DECISION MAKING...)

SENSES (INTERPRETATION OF BODILY SENSES)

EMOTIONS (SENSITIVITY, FEELINGS, COMPASSION)  
WILL (VOLITION - TO MAKE CHOICES)

CONSCIENCE - A CO-KNOWLEDGE (WITH ONESELF) OR ONE'S OWN INNER WITNESS AS TO ONE'S OWN THOUGHTS & CONDUCT, WHETHER THEY ARE MORALLY GOOD OR BAD OR IN ACCORDANCE TO THE WILL OF GOD.

THE WORD TRANSLATED SOUL (HEB: NEPHSH, GREEK: PSUCHE) IS ALSO TRANSLATED LIVING CREATURE, PERSON, APPETITE, MIND, ETC.  
- GEN. 1:24; ACTS 2:41; 27:37 ETC.



# **HEART:**

**GENERALLY REFERS TO THE CENTER & SEAT OF HUMAN LIFE:**

**PHYSICAL LIFE (PHYSICAL ORGAN) - 2 SAM. 18:14; 2 KI. 9:24**

**INTELLECTUAL LIFE - DEUT. 8:5; PS. 119:11; HEB. 4:12**

**EMOTIONAL LIFE - DEUT. 6:5; PS. 104:15; ROM. 9:2**

**VOLITIONAL LIFE - HEB. 4:7; EX. 7:22,23**

**SINFUL LIFE - JER. 17:9; GEN. 6:5; ACTS 7:51**

**SPIRITUAL LIFE - 1 PET. 3:15 (ABODE OF THE FATHER)  
- EPH. 3:17 (ABODE OF THE SON)  
- 2 COR. 1:22 (ABODE OF THE H.S.)**

**ROM. 10:9,10 WITH THE HEART MAN BELIEVES RESULTING IN  
RIGHTEOUSNESS**

# **MIND:**

- **GENERALLY REFERS TO THE CENTER & SEAT OF REFLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS, COMPRISING THE FACULTIES OF PERCEPTION, UNDERSTANDING, JUDGING, & DETERMINING.**
  
- **THE MIND OF THE FLESH**
  - REPROBATE (ROM. 1:28); VAIN (EPH. 4:17); DEFILED (TIT. 1:15)
  - BLINDED (2 COR. 4:4); DARKENED (EPH. 4:18)
  - AT ENMITY AGAINST GOD (ROM. 8:7)
  
- **A BELIEVER'S MIND – EITHER:**
  1. **FLESHLY MINDED (JUST LIKE AN UNBELIEVER)**
    - WALKS & MINDS THE THINGS OF THE FLESH -  
ROM. 8:4,5; - GAL. 5:16,17
  
  2. **SPIRITUALLY OR CHRIST MINDED**
    - WALKS & MINDS THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT -  
ROM. 8:4,5; - GAL. 5:16,17 - PHIL. 2:1-5

# **NATURES**

- 1. A NATURE IS WHAT MAKES ANY CREATURE WHAT IT IS**  
(i.e. ANGEL, MAN, HORSE, DUCK, & CHICKEN, ETC.)
- 2. MAN IS UNIQUE IN THAT HE ONLY WAS MADE IN THE IMAGE & LIKENESS OF GOD.** - GEN. 1:26,27
- 3. BECAUSE OF ADAM'S SIN THAT IMAGE & LIKENESS OF GOD IN ADAM WAS SEVERELY MARRED. ADAM'S NATURE BECAME SINFUL & IS PASSED DOWN TO EVERY PERSON.**  
**MAN IS SOMETHING OTHER THAN GOD CREATED \***  
- GEN. 5:3; ROM. 5:12
- 4. BELIEVERS THROUGH THEIR IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST POSSESS A NEW NATURE WHICH IS SINLESS & BECOME PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE (CHRIST'S) NATURE.**  
- ROM. 6:1-4; 2 COR. 5:21; 2 PET. 1:3,4

It is not merely that at some point man had

\* a lapse,  
took a wrong turning,  
or became a delinquent,  
an offender.

Man is not just

on the wrong road and needing to be re-directed or  
put on to the right one.

Neither is man just the victim of an evil mood, or  
a fugitive from law running free, sowing wild oats,  
and estranged from his better self.

MAN IS SOMETHING OTHER THAN GOD CREATED \*

- GEN. 5:3; ROM. 5:12

# FLESH

THE TERM “FLESH” IS UTILIZED IN SCRIPTURE SUCH THAT IT HAS DIFFERENT USAGES. IT MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE ANY GOOD OR EVIL QUALITY IMPLIED. GENERALLY THESE USES CAN BE SUMMARIZED IN THE FOLLOWING

## THREE CATEGORIES:

### 1. WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATERIAL (THE BODY)

- a. THE ACTUAL FLESH THAT IS ATTACHED TO THE BONE - GEN. 17:11;  
EX. 12:8; LU. 24:39
- b. THE PHYSICAL BODY - ACTS 2:30-31; EPH. 5:28-29

### 2. WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATERIAL & IMMATERIAL

- a. “INFIRMITY OF THE FLESH” - ROM. 6:19
- b. “FLESH & BLOOD” (FRAIL & FEEBLE MAN) - GAL. 1:16; EPH. 6:12
- c. “THE WORD BECAME FLESH” - JN 1:14
- d. “THE LIFE I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH” - GAL. 2:20

### 3. WITH REFERENCE TO THE IMMATERIAL

- a. “LUSTS OF THE FLESH” - GAL. 5:16,17
- b. “**IN THE FLESH - CANNOT PLEASE GOD**” - **ROM. 8:8**
- c. “BELIEVERS ARE NOT IN THE FLESH” - ROM. 8:9

**Gen 1:28** *“And God blessed them: and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply**, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”*

God gave Adam and Eve the power to procreate.

1. Generate a body
2. Generate a soul
3. Generate a spirit

All offspring would, by decree, be “after its own kind”,  
materially and non-materially

# MAN AS CREATED BY GOD:

1. A living soul that abides in a body that has a spirit.
2. Created in the image and likeness of God
3. Unique from all other creatures
4. Man is a person
5. Created innocent
6. Given dominion over the first creation
7. Ability to procreate after his own kind

## MAN SINNED BY DISOBEYING GOD

**Gen 2:17** *but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shall not eat of it: for in the day that thou eats thereof thou shall **surely** die.*

***Die Die.***

*Notice that God implements a consequence for disobedience*

**Gen 3:2** *And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:*

*Satan's first lie was to contradict this principle*

*If you sin you are guilty, if you are guilty you die.  
There is an unbreakable link between sin and consequence*



# Satan's temptation to man was to his soul

It would be futile to appeal to the spirit in man.

The matter would be referred automatically to God.

So the Soul (self-conscious organ) must be approached.

Thus reason, desire and will—the faculties of the soul—were assailed. Instead of allowing his spirit to bring God in, man acted independently

The temptation was to have everything in *himself*. This, it was suggested was possible, and he could be a self-directing, self-possessing, self-sufficient, independent being.

## APPEAL TO THE SOUL

**Gen 3:3-4** *for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then **your eyes shall be opened**, and ye **shall be as God, knowing** good and evil.*

**Gen. 3:6** *And when the woman **saw** that the tree was **good for food**, and that it was **a delight to the eyes**, and that the tree was to be **desired to make one wise**, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and she gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat.*

HE THEREBY INCURRED SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL DEATH.

## **How much of the image and likeness to God was retained by man after his fall?**

1. God was set aside in His absolute headship and lordship as to man, and Satan was given His place,
2. The spirit of man, being so seriously violated, ceased to be the link between himself and God. Fellowship with God, which is always spiritual, was destroyed, and the spirit sank down into subjection to man's soul.
3. This does not mean that man no longer had a spirit, but that the ascendancy of the spirit was surrendered to the soul. So far as that man is concerned, he died to God.
4. It was in the upsetting of God's order so that spiritual function was affected fatally,

Thus we can see that man has become an altogether other type or species than God intended.

The main difference is that he is now a soul-man controlled by a sin nature rather than a spirit-man pre-eminently.

Man's soul now is controlled by a sin nature that has him in abject bondage to evil

**Gen 6:5** *And Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and **that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.***

**Jer 17:9** ***The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt: who can know it?***

Spiritual death, which is separation from God, has been transmitted to the entire human race

**Gen 1:21** And God created the great sea-monsters, and every living creature that moves, wherewith the waters swarmed, **after their kind**, and every winged bird after its kind: and God saw that it was good.

**Gen, 5:3** And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in **his own likeness, after his image**; and called his name Seth:

**Psalm 51: 5** *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity; And **in sin did my mother conceive me.***

**Rom.5 :12** *Therefore, as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin; and **so death passed unto all men, for that all sinned:--***

**Gen 1:28** “*And God blessed them: and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply**, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”*

God gave Adam and Eve the power to procreate.

1. Generate a body (**DECAYING**)
2. Generate a soul (**WITH A SIN NATURE**)
3. Generate a spirit (**DEAD**)

All offspring would, by decree, be “after its own kind”, materially and non-materially

## All are sinners by nature and practice.

**Psalm 14: 1** *The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. **They are corrupt, they have done abominable works; There is none that does good.***

**2** *Jehovah looked down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there were any that did understand, That did seek after God.*

**3** *They are **all gone aside**; They are together **become filthy**; There is **none** that does good, **no, not one.***

**Romans 3:10** *as it is written, There is **none** righteous, **no, not one**; <sup>11</sup> There is **none** that understands, There is **none** that seeks after God; <sup>12</sup> They have **all turned aside**, they are **together become unprofitable**; There is **none** that does good, **no, not, so much as one:***

## THE MAN CHRIST JESUS BEING THE ONLY EXCEPTION,

**Hebrews 1:3** *Who being the **brightness of his glory**, and the **express image of his person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power*

**COL. 1:15** *Who is the **image** of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:*

**COL. 1:19** *For it pleased the Father that in him should all **fullness** dwell;*

**COL. 2:9-10** *For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. **And ye are complete in him**, which is the head of all principality and power:*



- 1. Every person is an image bearer of either Adam or of Christ (positionally).**
- 2. Image bearer means a continual representation and manifestation but not the "express image" of a person as Christ is of the Father ( Heb. 1:3).**
- 3. The history of man's image:**
  - a) God's plan & purpose: To make man in God's (Christ's) image & likeness - Gen. 1:26,27**
  - b) The fall & it's results: Every man born bears Adam's corrupt image & likeness (except Christ) Gen. 5:3; Rom. 1:21-23**

**HAS GOD ACCOMPLISHED HIS PURPOSE?**