

BAHRAIN REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

Human Existence

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Preliminary

Note: Human exist because God created the world, and he created men and woman to inhabit it... Gen 1:26-28; 2:7; Ps 100:3

- They were created to possess the earth... Gen 1:28
- They were to rule all other creatures
- They were intended to enjoy God's creation... Ps 104:14, 15

Point: Other creations are governed by man, but should not be subjected to it...

1. The Creation of Adam

(a) Adam was created to know God

Note: Adam (and Eve) was made in God's image... Gen 1:27

Point: Humans are unique amongst all of God's creatures... Ps 8:5-8

- Man was made to have fellowship with God... Gen 2:16, 16; 3:9-10
- Man was created to live in faithful trust in God... Mt 4:4; Lk 10:27

(b) Adam was created to do God's will

Note: He was to obey God... Gen 2:16, 17; Eccl 12:13; cf. Lk 17:7-10

Point: He was made for God's pleasure, as was all of God's creation... Gen 1:31; Heb 2:10; Rev 4:11

(c) Adam was created with a capacity to enjoy God forever

Note: Man is not merely a physical being like other creatures... Mt 4:4

Point: Humans have an eternal soul that can enjoy God here on earth up to heaven... Mk 8:36

[Shorter Catechism Q1]: What is the chief end of man?

Answer: "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever"

2. The work of the first and the SECOND Adam

Note: When Adam rebelled against God he lost his way and ceased to know the wonder of God's purposes for human life

- They became like sheep gone astray... Ps 119:176; Isa 53:6
- They started worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator... Rom 1:25
- Men and women greatest need is to be reconciled to God... 2 Cor 5:20

Point: As a result of the saving work of the LORD Jesus Christ, saved sinners now discover the full wonder of God's purpose for life, that was lost in the beginning... 1 Cor 15:45-58; 2 Cor 5:17-19

3. Ways how human may glorify God

Note: The reconciliation made by Christ with God led us to enter into God's purposes for our life.

- We are saved to know God... Jn 17:3
- We are here to know and fulfil God's perfect will for our life... Rom 12:2
- We are here to be agents for extending Jesus Christ's Kingdom... Mk 16:15
2 Cor 5:20 = *we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God*
- We are here to be transformed into Christ's likeness with ever-increasing glory.

2 Cor 3:18 = *being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another*

- We are here to please God... 2 Cor 5:9
- We are here to reflect God's glory... Mt 5:48; 1 Pt 1:16

Point: Our chief purpose in life is to glorify God... 1 Cor 10:31

- To glorify God is to appreciate Him; worship Him; love Him; and submit ourselves to Him as His servant...
- Our desire is that God should be praised in everything... 1 Pt 4:11
- We are here to glorify God in our bodies... 1 Cor 6:20
- We glorify God by confessing our sin... Lk. 15:18; 18:13; 23:41