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1. HOW WAS HUMAN NATURE AT CREATION?

The human nature is that assortment of characteristics that constitute and define humanity. Human nature makes us inherently human and distinct from all other creatures. Human nature includes the capacity to create, reason, love, and experience a wide range of emotions. Such a capacity is found in no other form of life. The Bible provides much information on human nature. First, humans were created in God's image (**[Genesis 1:26-27](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gen%201.26-27" \t "_blank)**). Human nature is a unique creation that in some ways reflects the Creator.

1. WHAT IS GOD’S PURPOSE FOR CREATING MAN?

God has carefully and individually made each of us, *“fearfully and wonderfully.”* ([**Psalm 139:14**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Ps%20139.14)) So if He thought of us and created each of us so intentionally, we need to understand His purpose for the lives He has given us. God has prepared specific works for each of us to walk in. ([**Ephesians 2:10**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Eph%202.10)**;**[**Philippians 2:12-14**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Phil%202.12-14)) He has specially curated a plan for our lives in the most perfect way for us to overcome the sin in our own flesh, and so that our spirits, which God is zealous for, could return to Him full of the virtues of Christ; divine nature. So that an entrance will be supplied abundantly to us, back into the everlasting Kingdom. ([**2 Peter 1:2-11**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/2%20Pet%201.2-11))

In these bodies, we also have a human nature, which has a will of its own that is in conflict with the will of God. So our spirit has to fight a battle against the lusts and desires of the flesh. Things that go on around us have an effect on us, and we are tempted. Thoughts that are not from God, and that would draw us away from our connection with Him try to enter in. ([**James 1:14-15**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/James%201.14-15)) We need to suffer in our flesh, crucify that human nature, and cease from sin, just as Jesus did, *“who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth.”*([**1 Peter 2:21-22**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1%20Pet%202.21-22)**;**[**1 Peter 4:1-2**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1%20Pet%204.1-2))

God wants to share His own nature with us, and the transformation from human nature to divine nature is the purpose of our relatively short time on earth. ([**2 Peter 1:2-4**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/2%20Pet%201.2-4)) If we are to be presented *“holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight,”* fully sanctified, then we need to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. ([**Colossians 1:21-22**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Col%201.21-22)**;**[**Philippians 2:12**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Phil%202.12)). We were foreknown and predestined to be conformed to the image of Jesus. ([**Romans 8:29-30**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Rom%208.29-30)) God’s desire for us is that we gain divine nature, which is eternal life. We are to overcome all sin, and in that process build the body of Christ, the church, which will be to His glory both on earth and for all eternity. This is the very reason that He formed us so fearfully and wonderfully.

1. HOW DID SIN ENTER THE WORLD AND THE CHANGE IN HUMAN CONDITION?

The fall of man, or the fall, is a term used in Christianity to describe the transition of the first man and woman from a state of innocent obedience to [God](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/God) to a state of guilty disobedience. [Adam and Eve](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam_and_Eve) lived with God in the [Garden of Eden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garden_of_Eden), but the [serpent](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serpent_(Bible)) tempted them into eating the [fruit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forbidden_fruit) from the [tree of knowledge of good and evil](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tree_of_knowledge_of_good_and_evil), which God had forbidden. After doing so, they became ashamed of their nakedness and God expelled them from the Garden to prevent them from eating from the [tree of life](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tree_of_life_(biblical)) and becoming [immortal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Immortality). “**Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned**” ([**Romans 5:12**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom%205.12)). The effects of the [fall](https://www.gotquestions.org/fall-of-man.html) are numerous and far reaching. Sin has affected every aspect of our being. It has affected our lives on earth and our eternal destiny. One of the immediate effects of the fall was the separation of humankind from God. Christians believe that the fall brought sin into the world, corrupting the entire natural world, including human nature, causing all humans to be born into original sin, a state from which they cannot attain [eternal life](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eternal_life_(Christianity)) without the [grace of God](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grace_(Christianity)). Traditionally, women have received the major blame for the fall of humanity. Therefore, some interpretations of the passages from **Genesis 3** and **1 Timothy 2**, have developed a view that women are considered as bearers of Eve's guilt and that the woman's conduct in the fall is the primary reason for her universal, timeless subordinate relationship to the man.