



What is the Nature of Us?

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What We Believe

An eight-week series on Valley's Statement of Beliefs

Many people believe that humans are born basically good and just need some education or the right environment in order to behave morally. But the Bible describes human nature as innately fallen from birth, in need of God's gracious intervention. This week we examine human nature as we continue our study of Valley's statement of beliefs.

REGENERATION — We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit. (John 1:12,13; John 3:3,16,17; Acts 20:21; Eph. 2:1-9; Titus 3:5)

Created for Glory

[Q] As you read Genesis 1:26-31 and Genesis 2, imagine the quality of God's design when He created the earth and then Adam and Eve. What did God think about it? What were Adam and Eve created to do?

[Q] What do the psalm writers think of God's design?

Psalm 8:4-8

Psalm 139:14

Bad News

[Q] Adam and Eve sinned when they disobeyed God (Genesis 3) and passed this sin disease to all humans (Romans 5:12). How does this original sin nature affect us daily? Have you seen the fact that sin is contagious? How so?

[Q] Read more bad news in Ephesians 2:1-3 and Titus 3:3 and describe our condition without Christ. How do you account for the many good things people do who do not know God?

[Q] There is no hope for us until we admit that sin distorts us—our relationships, our view of ourselves, our actions, our words, etc.... How can we become more honest about ourselves and our sin? How might we invite others to speak truthfully (with love) into our lives?

Good News

[Q] What happens to our nature when we repent and trust Christ? What is our future hope?

Ephesians 2:4-7

Titus 3:4-7

Cancellations and Disinfection

[Q] What plans of yours have you been disappointed to have cancelled?

According to the verses below, what did God cancel for those who trust Him?

Colossians 2:14

2 Timothy 1:10

Romans 8:1

John 5:24

Are you tired of constant disinfecting? What did God cleanse and how effective is it?

1 John 1:9

Titus 3:5

“This understanding will eventually shape our love and awe of God, our gratitude for Salvation and our love of the Savior. Without an understanding of who we are, we can never truly appreciate who God is.”

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Ask God for

- a heart of repentance
- a grateful attitude
- the opportunity to share your thankfulness for God’s cancellations and cleansing in your life this week!

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
2 Corinthians 5:17*

This week, read:

- ☐ Psalm 51
- ☐ Romans 7
- ☐ 1 John 1 and 2
- ☐ 1 John 3
- ☐ Psalm 139

Take it Further: gotquestions.org/human-nature and gotquestions.org/regeneration-Bible