

What It Means to Be Human

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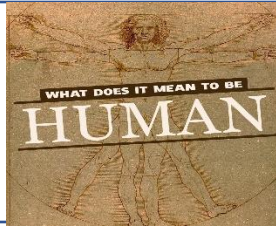
August 27th

Born Beautiful

Born Broken

Born Again

Born to Sin No More



Intro:

- “The Prettiest Ugliest Woman I ever met.”
- Is Humanity naturally good or bad?
 - Genesis 1 only – Theological Liberalism
 - Genesis 3 only - Hateful Enemies of Humanity
- The Broken and the Beautiful of our Human Condition

I. Theological Underpinnings

- Original Sin and Inherited Tendencies (Ps 51:5; Rom 3:10-23)
- Corporate Solidarity with Adam (Rom 5:12)
- The Impact to our Human Condition
 - We Know Right but Still do Wrong! (Rom 7:15-20)
 - We are bad just for bad sake (Jer 17:9)
 - Stealing Pears vs Having Affairs
- How damaged are we?
 - Obliterated Image of God or Image of God with a Malignant Disease
 - Pelagianism, Calvinism, and Wesleyanism
 - The Tragedy of Sin and the Image of God
- God’s Grace “Free in all and Free for all”
 - Lewis Smedes “Common Grace”
 - Basic Morality
 - Cultural Creativity
 - Civic Righteousness
 - John Wesley “Prevenient Grace”
 - Awareness of sin, Awake to God, Desire to Know and Please God

II. Walk Thru the Text (Genesis 3:1-13)

- Created to be choice makers
- Talking about God as if He wasn’t in the room

- Knowing Good and Evil when Evil and Good didn’t exist yet.
- Tempted to be something in which you already were.
- Impact of the Disobedience
 - Shame
 - Separation
 - Justify choices by blaming others
 - The Curse on Creation
 - A world forever changed
- The Promise of a Redeemer (Gen 3:15)

III. So What?

- We Are Both Sinner and Saint (Rom 7)
 - Even our Good is bad (Isa 64:6)
 - We are bad but not always as bad as we can be
 - We are all capable of evil
- He Still working on me
 - We are a mixture of what God made us to be, what Satan tempted us to become, and what God is shaping us into.
 - The inevitability of hurt and the need for Forgiveness
- The Story of Sin is bigger than just my personal sin
 - Cumulative effect since the Garden
 - Jesus and Sinners
 - Jesus righteousness or yours?
- Adam 2.0 (Romans 5:15-17)

Conclusion: The Redemption of the Moose Mug

