

## DOCTRINE OF HUMANITY | Week 1

- Define for me what a dog is- animal 4 legs barks, protector, defender, alarm system, cuddly
- Define for me a cat- hateful useless, mouse catcher
- We don't get these things messed up its kind of a weird question to even ask. But in our culture today we are at the point where we are asking the question what does it mean to be human? What does it mean to be male or female?
- So, over the next few weeks were going to look at the doctrine of humanity
  - o Doctrine means a set of beliefs
  - o Humanity was created in the image of God
  - o Male and female he created them
  - o Humanity now has a sinful nature
- Humanity was created in the image of God
  - o Genesis 1:26-28
  - o We are like a mirror to display what God is like
    - The mirror is facing God and at the fall we flip that mirror around and fall in love with the shadow it creates
    - Sin is self-focused
  - o The image of God
    - Genesis 5:3 uses the same term it is like a father and son aspect
  - o So, can we once again reflect the image of God? Yes, when he changes us and turns us around and we become focused on him
  - o So why were we created?
    - Isaiah 43:7 "whom I created for my Glory"
- Male and female he created them
  - o If we are a reflection of God, the how does that work?
  - o If we both reflect how are we so different
    - Together we make up a better picture
    - Different sides of God
    - Sloppy joe vs a hamburger; it can't choose because it was created a certain way
    - We are better more complete together
    - Different roles and different authority
- Humanity is now sinful
  - o Romans 5:12- Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.
  - o We only see in party right now
    - 1 Cor 13:12- For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully even as I have been fully known.
    - Sin has made our mirror more imperfect but when he comes back, we will see him all the more clear

- Romans 5:18 – Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.
  - We need Jesus
  - Jesus' act of Righteousness
  - Jesus perfect reflection of God and being put to death leads to justification for all men
  - It was only through Jesus' death that we can be saved.