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Knowing God: The Doctrine of You

Text: Genesis 1:26-27

Doctrine matters because...

- 1. We love God.**
- 2. Belief shapes behavior.**
- 3. It informs our worldview.**
- 4. We need to be equipped to explain what we believe and why we believe it.**

Knowing where you've been helps you know where you're going.

- The Word of God
- The Uniqueness of God
- The Goodness of God
- The Sovereignty of God
- God as Trinity
- God as Father
- God as Son
- God as Spirit

The Christian doctrine of humanity sees the human person as made in God's image, either a man or a woman by God's making, fallen through Adam's historical sin, formed for vocation unto God, and redeemable in and through the God-man, Jesus Christ.

-The Gospel Coalition

Three life changing questions...

1. How did God make you? v.26

- Divine Dignity "In His Image" - the Imago Dei
- Humans have divine dignity and the sanctity of life should be upheld by Christians
- James 3:7-10, 1 Peter 4:10

2. What did God make you? v.27

- God made you male or female
- *“The creation of man as male and female shows God’s image in harmonious interpersonal relationships, equality in personhood and importance, and difference in role and authority.” –Wayne Grudem*
- What is a man?
 - A man **Physically** is an adult male made in the image of God.
 - A man **Spiritually** is a sinner in need of salvation which is fully available to him through faith in Christ.
 - A man **Sexually** is uniquely made to either live a life of singleness and celibacy or commit his life to one woman in covenant marriage.
 - A man **Paternaly** is uniquely designed to lead, provide, and protect as a father.
 - A man **Missionally** in Christ is expected and equipped to strengthen the church and make the gospel known.
 - A man **Relationally** is to encourage and hold accountable other men and protect the vulnerable.
- What is a woman?
 - A woman **Physically** is an adult female made in the image of God.
 - A woman **Spiritually** is a sinner in need of salvation which is fully available to her through faith in Christ.
 - A woman **Sexually** is uniquely made to either live a life of singleness and celibacy or commit her life to a man in covenant marriage.
 - A woman **Maternaly** is wonderfully designed to nurture as a mother.
 - A woman **Missionally** in Christ is expected and equipped to strengthen the church and make the gospel known.
 - A woman **Relationally** is to bless other women and be respected, cherished, and protected by men.

3. Why did God make you?

- *“God’s independence is defined as follows: God does not need us or the rest of creation for anything, yet we and the rest of creation can glorify him and bring him joy. This attribute of God is sometimes called his self-existence.” –Wayne Grudem*
- God made you for His glory (Isaiah 43:7, Ephesians 1:11-12)
- The Westminster Shorter Catechism
 - Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?
 - A. Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.
- This sets your...
 - Attitude about life (Deuteronomy 28:47-48, Colossians 3:17, 3:23)
 - Assignment for life (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Your creator made you for a reason. Build your life on this.

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