

1. We answered the first question: "Who is God, and how is He active in the world?"
 - A. God is one God who has always existed in three persons.
 - B. God is love, righteousness, and just.
 - C. God is Lord.
 - D. God created all things visible and invisible.
 - E. God provides for and controls all things.
2. Question 2: "Who are we and where did we come from?"
3. People have always struggled to understand, and with truth, answer this question.
4. God created the first man out of the earth. (Genesis 1:26-31, 2;7; 1 Corinthians 15:47)
5. God's creation of the first man from the ground is an important doctrine of Biblical Christianity.
6. The creation of man and woman is the pinnacle of God's creative activity - to be more like Him than anything else He has made.
7. God took a rib from that man's side and made the first woman - who became his wife and the mother of mankind. (Genesis 2:21-24, 3:20)
8. The Bible does not treat Adam and Eve as mythology - but as real people. (1 Chronicles 1:1; Luke 3:38; Mark 10:6)
9. Our humble beginning - from out of the ground - reminds us that we owe our life and breath - all that we are and all that we have - to God.
10. God created man in His image for His glory. (Genesis 1:27; Isaiah 43:7)
11. This would have meant to the original readers, "Let Us make man to be *like* Us and to *represent* Us." (Genesis 5:3)
12. We - as human beings - are important to God Himself.
13. Therefore - if we are truly important to God for all eternity - then what greater measure of importance or purpose could we expect. (Psalm 16:11)
14. Man fell into sin and bondage - referred to as the "Fall." (Ecclesiastes 7:29; Genesis 3:1-6; Romans 5:12-17)
15. Because of our flesh nature - it is important to understand that we are spiritually dead.
16. We can see how tragically broken and empty of God's glory mankind has become. (Romans 3:23)