

Introduction: "What is man that You are mindful of him." Psalm 8:4 The question all thinking people have asked.

[1] Our minds will come to realize that we are the creation of God, so we have great importance. Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

[2] Redeemed people are God's handiwork. Ephesians 2:10 "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

[3] Redeemed humanity is God's inheritance. Ephesians 1:18 "the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints."

Renowned scholar Carl F.H. Henry wrote: "Who is man? This remarkable creature, whose amazing conquest of space and time has yielded unabridged dictionaries indexing the whole of reality, has fallen into frustration - ironically enough- when defining himself."

CREATED BY GOD

1. Reading from "Foundations of Pentecostal Theology" by Guy P. Duffield & Nathaniel M. Van Cleave, pages 103-105.
2. Isaiah 43:1 "But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel; 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine.'"
3. V. 7 "Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."
4. Malachi 2:10 "Have we not all one Father: Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously with one another..."
5. Paul writes under the influence of the Holy Spirit in Colossians 3:10 "and having put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,"
6. See Romans 9:20; 1 Corinthians 15:45; 1 Timothy 2:13; James 3:9

THE PURPOSE OF GOD

1. God did not create human beings in the same way He created animals. Animals were created as a result of God's spoken command. God formed the first man (Adam) out of the earth and breathed His divine breath into him. Adam was unique to God above all other creatures of the world.
2. Humanity is the product of God's planned purpose to create a being to glorify Him." Psalm 146:1-2; 145:1-3; 148; 150.
3. See Titus 1:1-3 Eternal life promised to those who choose their creator over the created before the foundation of the world.

LAST WORDS: John 17:24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world." God's plan is an eternal plan and we are in the middle of it, if we like it or not. Where we spend it is the final question.