

## **What is man?**

### **1. Introduction**

In the science of plate tectonics the theory states that life began between the cracks in the earth's surface. In reviewing the universe there has not been found any planet that currently has this movement of the surface of the planet. Therefore it is unlikely that there can be life anywhere else in the universe. We are unique even according to scientists, many of whom do not believe in Christ!

God prepared this uniqueness in three aspects.  
First we are uniquely conceived and designed by God (Gen 1:26-27).

#### **1. Uniquely designed**

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

The ideal is for a man and woman to be together in marriage then the full image of God is seen. This is something spiritual not physical because God had no human body since the creation of time until Jesus came to the earth. He could manifest himself as a man or the appearance of an angel and did so several times in the Old Testament.

#### **2. Uniquely inspired (Gen 2:7).**

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul or being.

Somewhere between being in the womb and being born you were breathed upon by the Spirit of God and you became a living soul/spirit as well as a physical life. This gave life meaning to you.

The soul is seen as the immortal essence of a human - the seat or locus of human will, understanding, and personality

Included in this is the spirit of man. This is a faculty to communicate with God. An ability to allow God to communicate to a man or woman. This becomes distorted by sin and wrongdoing that is also built into us from the earliest of days. If you don't believe me see how a small child

misbehaves. Bad behavior seems to come comes automatically. Theologically speaking we call this the fallen nature. At conversion the spirit within us is made alive to God so we can know him in a personal way.

The Apostle Paul mentions it this way in Romans Rom 8:15-16 He describes something of what happens when a man or woman finds Christ for themselves.

“ you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

### **3. Uniquely destined to live forever.**

It does not matter where you go on earth. Go to the most sophisticated society or the poorest. To the most educated to the most depressed. There is one common theme. You cannot stop belief in a god. Even when the state apparatus tries to obliterate the concept.. In fact as governments try to control Christianity, it becomes more popular. Russian Communism tried for 70 years to obliterate it but when the government fell it returned with greater vigour and more people believed in Christ it than before. If you were a professed Christian in those days in Eastern Europe you were denied education, position or a place in the political system. Yet more and more people became Christian until it became a deluge.

It is the belief in eternity that can possess us, something beyond ourselves.

China still imprisons thousands of priests and ministers. Tortures many of them and kill others. When the western missionaries left China in 1939 there were at the most several hundred thousand believers. Today it is something like 80 million and growing at the rate of 10,000 a day and 100 churches a day are being founded.

God is still building his church of unique, God created people and offers salvation to all.