

## **Man (Mankind, Humanity)**

We believe that the first man and woman (Adam and Eve) were directly and immediately created by God in His image and likeness. They were created free of sin, with a rational nature, intelligence, volition, self-determination, and moral responsibility to God. When Adam sinned by disobeying the revealed will and Word of God, the innocence of humanity was lost. Thereby, humans incurred the penalty of spiritual and physical death, became subject to the wrath of God, and became inherently corrupt and unable to rescue themselves from this horribly lost state. God designed marriage to be only between one man and one woman and any sexual relationship outside of the husband-wife relationship constitutes immorality.