

Lecture 6 – The Doctrine of Humanity: The Image of God in Humanity (cont.) & the Constitutional Nature of Human Beings

“I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far.” Philippians 1:23

Key Terms

Substantive, relational, functional; perfect; monism; dichotomy; trichotomy; conditional unity; intermediate state

Objectives

*Summarize and synthesize perspectives on the image of God.

*Review views on the constitution of human beings.

*Explain the biblical teaching on the intermediate state.

The Doctrine of Humanity

I. The Doctrine of Humanity

A. The origin of humanity

B. The image of God in humanity

1. The fact of humanity’s creation...
2. The Pauline doctrine of the restoration of the image of God in Jesus Christ
3. The Pauline doctrine of Christ as the image of God
4. The work of Robert C. Newman
5. A systematic synthesis: Five perspectives
 - a. There are substantive, functional, and relational aspects of the image.
 - b. Jesus is the perfect image of God.
 - c. There is a redemptive-historical perspective: Four stages
 - d. The image includes humans in their three relationships.
 - 1) To God
 - 2) To others
 - 3) To creation
 - e. The image involves humans in the totality of their beings.

C. The constitutional nature of human beings

1. A survey of the various views
 - a. Monism
 - b. Dichotomy
 - 1) Material
 - 2) Immaterial
 - c. Trichotomy
 - 1) Body
 - 2) Soul
 - 3) Spirit
 - d. Conditional unity/holistic dualism
2. An examination of some biblical data
 - a. Refutation of monism
 - 1) Passages which teach an intermediate state
 - a) Luke 23:43
 - b) Philippians 1:23

<u>State</u>	<u>Redeemed</u>	<u>Unredeemed</u>
present	good	bad
intermediate	better	worse
eternal	best	worst

c) 2 Corinthians 5:6-8

2) Conclusion

b. Three views of death

Cooper, John. *Body, Soul & Life Everlasting*

1) Immediate resurrection

2) Extinction/re-creation

3) Intermediate state/resurrection