

Lecture 7 – The Doctrine of Humanity: The Constitutional Nature of Human Beings (cont.)

“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Key Terms

Monism; dichotomy; trichotomy; holistic dualism

Objectives

*Evaluate from a biblical perspective various views of the constitutional nature of human beings.

*Consider implications of various views for life and ministry.

The Doctrine of Humanity

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A. The origin of humanity

B. The image of God in humanity

C. The constitutional nature of human beings

1. A survey of the various views

2. An examination of some biblical data

a. Refutation of monism

b. Three views of death

c. The trichotomist view

1) Proof-texts

a) I Thessalonians 5:23

(1) Wish prayer

b) Hebrews 4:12

(1) Five predicate adjectives

-living

-active

-sharper

-pierces

-judge

2) Errors made by trichotomists