

## Who Am I?

Intro: The curious mind is always asking question. What it means to be a human being created by God is one such question. Today, we seek to find some explanations from God's word.

1. We are in one way a contradiction.
  - A. Some passages suggest two opposite conclusion.
    1. A ruler of God's works as taught in Psalm 8:3-8
    2. Like a wind-blown-flower – Psalm 103:15-16
  - B. The conclusion in "A" in one sense suggests I have "two sides".
    1. The "animal side" – Genesis 2:7; 1:20, 24
    2. The "in God's image side" – Genesis 1:26-27
  - C. Without understanding our 2 sides, we will have a distorted view of life.
    1. We may think we are nothing but animals.
    2. Or, we may think we are God. See Genesis 3:4-5
2. We know that we are going to die.
  - A. We apparently are the only beings who have fear of death from an early age.
  - B. This creates worry and anxiety and we must find a way to cope with it.
  - C. As is deeply apparent in our society, some turn to "animalizing" and choose not to address their "in God's image side".
  - D. Some turn to "self-idolatry" and appoint themselves as God.
    1. Habakkuk 2:18-19 – Old time idolatry
    2. Jeremiah 9:23-24 – The modern idolatry – Personal fulfillment in "getting".
    3. Religion as idolatry – Jeremiah 7:4, 9-10; Amos 5:21-24
3. Trusting God is "where it's at".
  - A. Start out by not trying to "explain God" through experience, internally or externally. We quickly try to mold our view of God in a distorted fashion.
  - B. We don't need to become an animal or God to get the most out of life.
  - C. God's meaning for us is to be holy.
  - D. He has provided a way for this to happen. Consider Isa. 6; Lev. 16; Acts 22
  - E. 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:5-10 provides some clarification. "Walk in Light"

Conclusion: So who am I? Who are we? We are not animals, nor are we God. We are humans that can live in the trust that God created us and his definition of who we are is both reliable and within our ability to fulfill its meaning with God's partnership.