

Man's Unique Creatureliness

Natural light (Canons 3/4; 4) Genesis 2:7

1. Body:

- Created out of the dust of the ground as were the animals (Genesis 1:24).
- Man is an integral part of this earthly creation. He depends on creation for its air, food, etc.
- Man is related most closely to the animals since they too were created out of the dust of the earth.

2. Soul (spirit):

- Man was created with a **mind** (Job 32:8). He has intellect, knowledge and understanding. He is a rational being. He is able to memorize, recall, and deduce. He has reasoning.
- Man was created with a will. He is a volitional being. Man has certain desires or wants that can be the motivation behind his actions. Feelings are an aspect of the gift in man.

Note:

1. Man's soul is synonymous with his spirit. The spirit is not a separate faculty in a man.
 - Compare Ecclesiastes 12:7 to Revelation 6:9
 - Job 32:8, I Corinthians 2:11
2. The soul is referred to as a spirit because by virtue of our mind and will man is a spiritual being, that is, he knows by nature that there is a spiritual realm other than and earthly.
 - Knows there is a God that must be served (Romans 1:19, 20)
 - Knows there is right and wrong (Romans 2:14, 15)
 - Knows there is life after death (every pagan religion testifies of this).

Moral/Ethical light - the Image of God Genesis 1:26, 27; Canons 3/4;1

1. True Knowledge of God. Colossians 3:9, 10 Canons 3/4; 1

- By this knowledge man knew God in the true sense of the word - not just about God - but an intimate knowledge of his Creator so that he loved and feared God and rejoiced in God's fellowship and favor.
- The true and saving knowledge of God directed his mind and thoughts to serve God. Adam and Eve had a genuine love for the God whom they served.

2. Righteousness. Ephesians 4:22-24

- Man's heart and will were upright (Canons 3/4;1)
- Adam and Eve were called by God to serve him in Paradise by keeping his commandments. They had to say "yes" to what God told them to do and "no" to what God forbid them to do.
- This became evident in the two trees God placed in the garden of Eden. (Genesis 2:15-17)

3. Holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24

- All of man's affections were pure and the whole man holy. (Canons 3/4;1)
- Not only did Adam and Eve to walk in the way of God's commandments, but they were wholly dedicated and consecrated to serving their Creator.

Why? Why was man created in this way? God's covenant.

- This was the only way man would be able to walk in fellowship with God.
- Covenant of creation