

Sermon Outline April 2, 2023 **Pastor Bryan Myers**

Mankind

Psalm 8:3-8 Ephesians 2:1-5

Faith's Foundational Truths: Big Rock #1:

The Bible is God's authoritative word.

Bia Rock #2:

God is the omnipotent, gracious creator of the universe.

Big Rock #3:

Humanity is the _____ of God's creation but is in desperate need of redemption.

Big Rock #4:

The resurrection proves that there's more to this life than ______.

Biblical Anthropology

* Your beliefs about the nature of mankind will affect your expectations and govern your interactions with people.

The Bible reveals that:

Humanity is the centerpiece of God's creation.

Specifically human characteristics:

1. Created in God's ______.

Genesis 1:26a - Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness..."

* Every human being is an _____ being designed for relationship with God.

A necessary implication: Acknowledging the worth of every human being no matter who they are or where they came from.

2. Given ______ over the earth.

Genesis 1:26 - Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

* Dominion = superiority _____,

WITH responsibility ______

The Bible reveals that:

Humanity is in desperate need of redemption.

Romans 5:12a - Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin...

* While Adam and Eve got us off on the _____ we've all joined them in rebelliousness toward God.

Romans 5:12 - Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.

Significant redemptive factors:

1. A nature making us more susceptible.

Romans 7:18 - For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

2. An identifiable with an agenda.

1 Peter 5:8 - Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

3. A self-sacrificing Savior who _____ sin and death.

Romans 7:25a - Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A necessary implication: You need the _____ provided in Christ.