

God has given us a Blueprint for Life within His Word; Ten Great Bible Doctrines. For familiarity and consistency's sake each doctrine will be presented in a format used in Max Anders book. “30 Days to Understand the Bible.”<sup>i</sup>

### **The Origin of Man** Created by God in His image.

God created us to be in a love relationship with him, in fellowship, and perfect harmony.

- We were created in God's image. **Genesis 1:27**
- We are wonderfully made! **Psalms 139:14**

### **Nature** Man has a spiritual, as well as a physical dimension.

- We are Spirit, Soul, and Body. **1 Thessalonians 5:23**
- After salvation, our souls begin a transformation process. **2 Corinthians 3:18**
- We have a responsibility in this transformation process. **Colossians 3:8-17**

**Next Step – Concerning my transformation process, I will choose to work with Jesus rather than work against Him.**

### **Distinctiveness** Man has capacities that go beyond those of any animals and mark him as the pinnacle of God's creation.

**Genesis 1:26-28** What makes mankind different from the other animals that we are to have dominion over?

- We possess intellect (mind), will, and emotion. Created in the image of God.
- We share some characteristics with other animals, but our characteristics far exceed theirs.

*“In addition. man has the capacity for self-awareness, an awareness of God, an awareness of afterlife, and the ability to envision life in the future under different scenarios such as heaven and hell, etc.”*

*Max Anders<sup>ii</sup>*

### **Destiny** Man will live forever in heaven or hell.

**Hebrews 9:27** Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

- The Last Judgement. **Matthew 25:31-34 / Matthew 25:41 / Matthew 25:46**
  - My destiny and your destiny are not determined at The Last Judgement. That is a reading of the verdict and sentencing.
  - Our destiny is determined while we are still here on this earth.
    - We are born condemned already. **John 3:17-18**
    - Choosing to receive Jesus as our one and only savior brings us new life, and life eternal. **John 3:16-21**

**Next Step – Today I choose my eternal destiny by receiving Jesus as my savior from sins, and my source of everlasting life.**

### **Life App Group and Family Devotional Application**

1. Does being ‘created in the image of God’ mean that we look like Him? What does it mean?
2. Explain the nature of mankind, that we are triune beings, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. After salvation, what are we being transformed into? What role do we have to play in this process?
4. List some of the distinctive capacities of humankind that make us different from other animals.
5. What is every human being's ultimate destiny? What determines our destiny?
6. How did you enjoy worshiping with your families this past “Family Worship Sunday?” Why do we do that at Believers Church? What is our goal and expected outcome?

<sup>i</sup> Max Anders. “30 Days To Understanding The Bible” (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2011), p.218-222

<sup>ii</sup> Max Anders. “30 Days To Understanding The Bible” (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2011), p.240.