

- 1) The Doctrine of Human Beings...what does it mean to be human, to be "the image of God"?
  - a) Some popular ideas throughout the ages
    - i) Humans have the ability to reason (homo sapiens)
    - ii) Humans have an immortal soul encased or entrapped in a body. The soul is rational and unlike any soul an animal might possess.
    - iii) Humans have a moral capacity which no other species has.
  - b) The Biblical Idea
    - i) Jesus as the true image of God
      - (1) He is the second Adam, the New Creation
      - (2) He is the image of the invisible God(Colossians)
      - (3) His life is the truly human life.
        - (a) Not because of his wisdom
        - (b) Not because of his spirituality, piety, or ethics
        - (c) Not because of his use of power
        - (d) HE LIVED A LIFE IN THANKFUL OBEDIENCE TO GOD AND HE LIVED FOR OTHERS.
      - (4) Jesus obeyed God no matter the outside pressures to do otherwise.
      - (5) Jesus obeyed God even when it was inconvenient or dangerous to himself.
      - (6) Jesus understood that what made a human a human was sacrificial service...doing for others rather than doing for self...this truly reflects God and this is what it means to be the image and likeness of God.