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FIRST AID

Too much emphasis can never be placed on the importance of knowing first aid and reading all available information. It is also important that every child should learn to swim. We urge our readers to take advantage of the swimming classes offered by the Red Cross, throughout the city.

Numerous deaths and disabilities have been caused by the lack of one having a little knowledge of first aid.

First aid medical devices are useless without knowing how and when to use them. Every organization should employ three or more persons that have a knowledge of the use of first aid.

On one occasion an ambulance was called for a victim of a knife wound and enroute to the hospital the ambulance was blocked by a train. The ambulance attendants had no knowledge of first aid and the victim died from a hemorrhage. This was uncalled for. By all means such persons as policemen, ambulance attendants, and all public transportation operators should have a knowledge of first aid.

First aid is needed in the home, especially where small children reside. One with a thorough knowledge of first aid shouldn't use it to capitalize upon anyone. They should give their services free and willingly in the case of emergencies.

When a family takes a vacation in their personal vehicle or any trip they should always have their first aid kit with them. They may not need it for themselves but there are so many accidents on the highways that they could render service to someone else.

May we name a few accidents and emergencies that could be remedied by someone having some knowledge of first aid, electric shock, freezing, unconsciousness, burns, cramps, dog bite, hemorrhages, poison gases, etc.

Such incidents may occur at anytime but the ambulance attendants, police departments and fire departments should be prepared to render first aid for any particular case that may happen before the doctor arrives.

We advise all of our readers to study some phase of first aid. Have literature in the homes as well as on the job. We further advise our readers, who have no knowledge of first aid to beware of advice given by the many peddlers of patent medicines, which are supposed to remedy many little illnesses.

A story tells of a young man who suffered from a throat illness: He took the advice of 114 persons who had no knowledge of treatment for his case and the more remedies he took the worse his throat became. Finally he visited his physician and no one out of the 114 persons had suggested any type of medical treatment anywhere near the cure.

We should all have our family doctors, both dental and medical and never complain to others of our personal illness except in the case of an accident or emergency.

Why not write to the Red Cross today for first aid literature for your convenience. May we also advise our readers that some things are required such as death, in our immediate family. Don't allow yourself to forget the fact that many illnesses may arise in which a person with a knowledge of first aid may be able to help before the doctor arrives.

First aid is necessary to the victim as well as it would be to the one who acquires the knowledge of administering its uses.

I shall have peace, when I go home."

"When I go home may quiet reign

And nothing will I say or do —

To cause regret or needless pain

In those I love when I go home.

When I go home, my glory crown

When heaven's host to Him bow down,

Will be that Christ is there enthroned;

This Week's Sunday School Lesson**MAN IN GOD'S DESIGN
Beginning Where You Are**

While concluding a lesson on being a Christian today, a teacher of an adult class in a large city church said, "Our biggest problem nowadays is our colored people. What are we going to do about them?" What do you think this person believes about the concept of man expressed in Genesis 1:26-28?

On one occasion one of America's well-known newscasters suggested that we had cause to rejoice because "last week American casualties in Vietnam were only 238, while Vietnamese losses were 1,459." What do you think this newscaster truly believes about the image of God in man?

We study the biblical testimony to understand the nature of man as well as the character of God. Since Christ came to redeem man, it is apparent that a knowledge of man based upon the Bible is important to Christians.

Anthropology is concerned with the study of man. Theology is concerned with the study of God. It is not difficult for man to study man, but how can man study God, who is invisible, absolute, eternal, and infinite? We must conclude that unless God reveals himself, man cannot know him.

We believe that God has revealed himself in his work. But what part of God's work is best suited to reveal what he is like? Many feel that God's best manifestation is through man. Thus, they conclude, God can best be understood as he reveals his being and character through man.

With its doctrine of the Incarnation, the coming of God in Christ, the church is making essentially the same statement, I believe. Christians affirm that a man, Jesus of Nazareth, reveals God's reality and nature most truly, clearly, and completely. He is not only a man; he is the new man, the second Adam, because he is also the unique Son of God.

The basis for these claims begins with the Genesis account of man's creation. Here we read that man is first in importance and authority in the earth. Of all that God made, only man is created in God's image and likeness. To see man as he was meant to be, created in the image of God, is thus a way of seeing God. To know a dog, a giraffe, a tree, or a seascape is not to understand the reality and nature of God as fully as when knowing a man — any man, educated or untaught, black or white, Italian or Chinese. Only man has been created in God's likeness.

Searching The Scriptures

The Scripture for this lesson is Genesis 1:26 through 2:25; Psalms 8; Matthew 10:29-31; Acts 17:26-28; 1 Corinthians 15:45-50. Selected verses are printed below.

Genesis 1:26 through 2:4a

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and

over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." 29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all his work which he had done in creation.

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

1 Corinthians 15:45-50

45 Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 But it is not the spiritual which is first but the physical, and then the spiritual. 47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. 50 I tell you this, brethren: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Memory Selection: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him. —Genesis 1:27

Exploring The Questions

A number of interesting and significant questions arise when one considers the biblical accounts of man's creation. Remember what we learned about the two creation stories last week. These two passages also present two accounts of God's making man. How are these accounts to be understood? Are they similar, complementary, contradictory, or unrelated?

Man is only one of many creatures in the order of creation. What is man's place and significance in the universe? Is man really necessary? What was God's purpose in creating man? Would creation be incomplete without him? If we understand whether or not man is essential

to the fullness of creation, does this knowledge help us define man's purpose? Does the biblical doctrine of the creation of man tell us anything about his nature, his responsibility and his destiny?

During the last century or so considerable attention has been given to the study of man. Does the biblical account of man's origin and nature agree with the findings of modern psychology, sociology, and anthropology?

More than ever before, we are told, modern culture and government need to be controlled and guided by a high appraisal of man. Such a view of man must ascribe to each person dignity and value so that an impersonal, urbanized, technological, complex, interdependent society will not suffocate or misuse the individual man, woman, or child. This view of man must also generate and preserve awareness of the necessity for men to live together responsibly in justice and peace. As mankind's interdependence develops, men everywhere must affirm both their kinship and their common purpose.

In an atomic-space-computer age how can we bring to fruition the age-long dream of man's true brotherhood? Can mankind afford, either in theory or in practice, unreasonable and dangerous prejudices and opinions that divide men? How can we cleanse ourselves of ideas and feelings such as white supremacy and black inferiority, or Aryan purity and Jewish contamination, or masculine priority and feminine mediocrity, or any other such divisive and unjust prejudice? In a day when men everywhere are affected by what happens at any other place on the face of the earth, should we not recognize that loyalties to race, class, or creed are secondary, that our first loyalty belongs to the whole of the human species?

If truly believed and firmly acted upon, how can the biblical doctrine of man serve modern civilization and fulfill its pressing needs, actualizing its hopes and visions?

These are questions we shall need to consider.

Finding Help**With Your Questions**

"I believe that God, who created the heavens and the earth, has created me." This is how Martin Luther began an explanation of the first article of the Christian creed. Luther's affirmation is helpful and strengthening to all who are baptized in the biblical faith. Luther's statement suggests not only that man is made by God but also that he is as valuable as all of heaven and earth.

The biblical accounts affirm that man is the most important creature of creation — he is the center, the crown, the climax, the ruler, the keeper, and the cultivator of creation. God made the heavens and the earth, the moon and the stars; yet he has put man in charge of his creation. (Read Psalms 8:3-8.) Therefore, to understand the whole of creation, one must thoroughly understand man.

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