

# ESSENTIALS

## Understanding and Defending Your Faith

This Week: Understanding Mankind, Part 2

### 1. Mankind at creation. (Genesis 1)

**Genesis 1:1–2 (ESV)**

**<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

- a. As image bearers.
  - Mankind is in some way like God, although we are not God.
  - We represent God in some way on earth.
  - We are given authority to rule under Him.
  - Mankind is the only of God's creation like this.
- b. Male and female.
  - Reproduction
  - Companionship
- c. As rulers.

### 2. Mankind as free moral agents. (Genesis 2)

- a. God put him in the garden and took care of his needs.
- b. God gave man responsibility.
- c. God introduced morality by giving him law.
- d. God Gave man a choice.

### 3. Mankind as sinners estranged from God. (Genesis 3)

- a. Ruined by sin.
  - The enemy.
  - The temptation.
  - The fall.
  - The curse.

#### b. Hope.

Romans 6:23 (ESV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.