**Know the Truth about Man**

1. **Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image.**

G. 1:26 – 30

G. 9:6

1. **He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation.**

G. 2:18 -22

Ps. 8:3 -6

1. **The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God’s creation.**

G. 5:2

 Acts 2:16 -18

1. **In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by His Creator with freedom of choice.**

G. 3:1 – 2

1. **By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race.**

G. 3:4 - 7

1. **Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and environment inclined to sin.**

G. 3:8 – 21

1. **Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and under condemnation.**

Rom. 1:19 -32

Rom. 3:10 – 18, 23

1. **Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God.**

Rom. 5:6 – 19

1 Cor. 1:21 -31

1 Cor. 15:21 -22

Eph. 2:1 -22

1. **The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man.**

G. 9:6

Ex. 20:13

1. **Therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love**

Ex. 20: 1 – 17

**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o’er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.