

SEEING MYSELF THROUGH GOD'S EYES



Part 8: *Pastor On The Hot Seat*

1. What's the deal with the forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden? Isn't that entrapment?
2. If we will be in the kingdom by choice, will we also have the choice to leave?
3. Is it a coincidence that Robbie Symons at Harvest Oakville preached on being made in the image of God on the same Sunday? Or are you both colluding with the Holy Spirit?
4. Who wrote the Adam and Eve story? Does it matter if it is historical?
Genesis 2:4
5. Why are we still paying for what Adam and Eve did?
Romans 5:12
6. Why was Eve the first to eat the forbidden fruit? Is that because the Bible was written within a male dominated culture? Or does it tell us something about the wiring of women?
1 Timothy 2:11-14
7. If religious sacrifices were never God's original desire, why would he command it in the Torah?
8. Why do you, like other preachers, say Adam and Eve blamed others for their sin? Didn't they take full responsibility?
9. If part of being made in God's image is the ability to reproduce, what about those who can't or choose not to have children? And what about animals – they can reproduce too – are they made in God's image?
10. As a female made in God's image, people often encourage me to think "more like a man". Should I work toward balance?

11. I understand we are to "rule over" creation, but how does Jesus define ruling?

Mark 10:42-45; John 13:1-17; Philippians 2:5-8

12. How often can we sin before we lose our sanctification or our justification?

2 Peter 1:5-9

13. When we fail or fall away and then return to the path of Christ, should we get baptized again?

14. What role did evolution play and what part did God play in our creation?

15. Some of us may have careers that require us to do things we don't think are right for Christ-followers to do. Will God hold that against us?

16. If we think of ourselves as visiting foreigners or resident aliens, can't we abuse that idea to become passive, disengaged, and reclusive?

1 Peter 2:11; Hebrews 11:13-14

17. If we are made of body, soul, and spirit – what is the difference between soul and spirit?

**1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Corinthians 14:14
VS Mark 12:30; etc**

18. How should our spiritual anthropology inform our approach to people with mental health issues?

19. Doesn't **1 John 5:18** refer to a lifestyle as opposed to individual sins?

1 John 5:18

20. How is the "kingdom" the same or different than the "Church"?

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2 Corinthians 6:1



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Home Church Questions...

BEFORE YOU COME...

If possible, get a Bible and become familiar with **2 Peter 1:1-15**. Write down observations, lessons, and lingering questions.

HANGOUT [Warming Up To The Topic]

1. What do you think most makes us “human”?
2. What were your biggest “take aways” in this series? Where have you heard God speaking to you the most? What questions are you still wrestling through?

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture]

3. Read **2 Peter 1:1-15**, in multiple translations if possible.
 - a. What verse or idea stands out to you the most? Why?
 - b. Peter’s primary self-identity is a being a **servant** and **apostle** (someone sent to carry a message) of Jesus (**verse 1**). What is your primary self-identity? How would adopting Peter’s perspective on identity influence how you live each day?
 - c. Do you believe **verse 3**? In what ways do you or don’t you live like it?
 - d. Peter suggests that the root cause of the world’s corruption is desire/lust (**verse 4**). What do you think he means? Can you think of examples?
 - e. If you are not *growing* in the qualities of your new self, your reborn and remade self, Peter doesn’t say you are not saved, but that you have *forgotten* important truths (**verse 9**). What is he getting at?
 - f. Peter says if we make the effort, we will “never stumble”. James says we all stumble in various ways (**James 3:2**). How can these two verses be reconciled?

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together]

4. For Peter, remembering and reminding is an important spiritual discipline (**verses 12-15**). What do you do in your life to remember and remind yourself and others about the most important things? How does your home church, specifically your huddle group, help?
5. Of the list of qualities that are listed as our responsibility to “make every effort” to grow in our lives (**verses 5-7**), what is one example, from your life this past week, where you’ve made an effort?
6. Think back over this series. Where has your huddle group taken steps of growth? What are some areas that you’d like to continue to work on together?

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Quotes...

Humans are plagued with an identity problem. Whether consciously or unconsciously, at the depth of our being we raise the question, “Who are we?”

~ Stanley J. Grenz, *Theology for the Community of God*

Who am I? How I wish I knew!

~ Arthur Schopenhauer, German Philosopher (1788-1860)

The most important belief we possess is a true knowledge of who God is. The second most important belief is who we are as children of God, because we cannot consistently behave in a way that is inconsistent with how we perceive ourselves.

~ Neil T. Anderson, *Who I Am in Christ*

To be truly human, one must serve.

~ Ernest Boyer, Selected speeches

We cannot be human by ourselves. Not the brilliance of one’s intellectual endeavours, but loving others constitutes genuine humanity.

~ Millard J. Erickson, *Christian Theology*

We become whole persons through healthy relationships.

~ Douglas Jacobsen & Rodney J. Sawatsky, *Gracious Christianity*

Only the belief that we have been created in God’s image is able to give us the sense of both our dignity as human beings and our responsibility to God and to one another.

~ Gerald Bray, *God is Love*

When we pray, “thy kingdom come” we are not making a request. We are taking a vow. We are pledging our willingness to allow God’s kingdom to be established in and through us.

~ James Mulholland, *Praying Like Jesus*

Choose this day whom you will serve.

~ Joshua