

On the other hand, man was created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Because God is a personal being, man was created a person. Because God is holy and righteous man was created holy and righteous. Because of this image, man's life is sacred (Gen. 9:6), and man has an essential dignity (James 3:9). In addition, the Law of God was written into man's nature at creation; and God's moral judge, the conscience, was made a part of man's being (Romans 2:14-15). All men (except for Adam before the Fall, and Jesus Christ) are considered sinners, are under the wrath of God, and experience either salvation or damnation (Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:3; John 3:18, 36).