

# In Relationship with God



## How would you define the Human Person?

### How would a Christian define the Human Person?

There are three basic ways a Christian is given help in defining the human person. They are:

- 1. the Nature of things
- 2. what God has revealed to us through the history of the Jewish People
- 3. the Word spoken to us by God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

#### 1. Natural Law

Natural Law is that source of morality, that is based on our nature as human beings. The natural law tells us quite a bit about ourselves:

- we are \_\_\_\_\_beings
- we are \_\_\_\_\_individuals related to others in community
- we are people with a past, with\_\_\_\_\_, able to choose for ourselves, to love

free will thinking unique

#### 2. The Jewish People - Old Testament Revelation

Read Genesis Chapter 1

What can we learn about being Human?	Consequence / significance of this?

#### 3. The New Testament Revelation



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- Jesus is the Son of God
- God became one of us in the person of Jesus Christ

The implications of this for us:

God's action shows what tremendous worth we have. He became part of our history and our world.



Reflect on the Christian Response -

What are the implications for us today?



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#### The Jewish People - Old Testament Revelation

From Genesis Chapter 1

- we are made in the image of God
- we reflect the beauty, wisdom and love of God

The consequences of the above statements:

- we are fundamentally good
- we should be hope-filled people.

At the same time we are fallen creatures, we have sinned; therefore, we cannot deny our human weakness.

