

THE MANHOOD CREED STUDY



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Day 1

“I came from dust.”

Verses on the origin of man

Genesis 1:26

Revelation 4:11

Why did God create us?

(Need help? Read the Nicene Creed [HERE](#) and consider the Trinity)

Genesis 1:27

Genesis 2:7

Isaiah 10:15

How does how we were created frame how we ought to live as created beings?

The “Hongi” of God – [READ HERE](#)

Day 2

“I was formed to know God and enjoy Him forever;”

Verses about purpose

God’s sovereign purpose:

Isaiah 46:10-11

Proverbs 19:21

In what ways does knowing that God is not constrained by time and is all knowing change how you live day by day?

Man’s duty:

1 Peter 2:9

Ephesians 2:10

Matthew 28:18-20

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Psalms 100:2-3

Do you delight in God so that you obey and serve him with excitement? Where might you hold misconceptions about Him that stunt your enjoyment of Him? Ask Him to reveal those to you.

Day 3

“to share in His community, and to share in His love.”

Verses on community

Psalm 133:1-3

1 Corinthians 12:4-5

John 13:34-35

Acts 2:42-47

What are some of the benefits of living in community with other believers? How does God’s love drive true community? Do you have any friendships that are not built around love and unity you need to reevaluate?

Hebrews 10:24-25

1 Thessalonians 5:14

1 Corinthians 12:26

What characteristics and qualities in a friend are of value? In what ways can you be a better friend to someone you know?

Watch This Video Regarding Choosing And Keeping Friends [HERE](#)

Day 4

“He formed my inmost parts, knit me together in my mother’s womb, and made me in His image.”

Verses about our personal God

Psalm 139:1-24

Matthew 10:29-31

Romans 8:14-17

When do you feel closest to God? When do you feel furthest? What benefits are there to a relationship with a perfect God who is near and accessible?

Isaiah 43:7

1 Corinthians 15:49

1 Samuel 16:7

What sorts of things do you think God cares the most about regarding you as a person? How does this contrast with how the secular world portrays the value of a man? In what ways could your image come into line with what is truly good?

You’re Fearfully and Wonderfully Made - [HERE](#)

Day 5

“I am intricately known and accepted by my Creator.”

Verses about being accepted

Jeremiah 1:5

Romans 15:7

Ephesians 1:3-6

Why do people want to be loved and accepted? Where do you feel like you don't get that in your daily life, and how can God's love and acceptance fill the gap?

John 10:14-18

Romans 5:8

Colossians 1:21-22

Would you ever die for your enemy or even do good to the one who continues to wrong you?

How is God's treatment of us counterintuitive? What can you learn from this that can apply to your life today?

Day 6

“In my sin, I was separated from God’s fellowship and eternal rest.”

Verses about our condition

Romans 3:23

Romans 7:15-20

John 3:19

Jeremiah 17:9

Sin is a reality we all have to deal with, but what areas do you find you have more of a tendency to repeat certain sins and why do you think they are stumbling blocks for you?

Romans 6:23

Isaiah 59:1-2

What effect does sin have on our relationships?

Romans 7:4-12

How does the law of God (Ten Commandments) serve to convict the unbelieving world, but also, through the gospel, remind believers of their salvation?

Day 7

“However, God provided mercy and grace through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to restore my soul to Him, through faith alone.”

Verses about salvation

Acts 10:39-43

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Why do you think it is so important that Jesus rose from the dead in the way He did?

If someone asked you to explain God’s plan for remedying the world’s sin, would you be confident you could in a clear and succinct way?

Ephesians 2:8-9

Titus 3:5

1 Peter 1:3-5

Grace is getting something you don’t deserve. Explain what it feels like to be given the greatest treasure anyone could ever desire, eternal life for free?

Mercy is not getting something you do deserve. In what ways can you show mercy to other people when they have wronged you?

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Verses about worship

Exodus 20:3-5

1 Chronicles 16:29

Luke 4:8

How is where we spend our time evidence of what we worship?

What people or things captivate your attention more than God?

Romans 12:1-2

Hebrews 12:28

We all have the desire to be saved, be it from our discontent feelings in the moment, or from the broader perception that we are missing out on the key to happiness. How is the fulfillment and satisfaction of what God offers to us superior to what the world offers?

Where can you make God a consistent priority in your life starting today?

Day 9

“I submit to all God-established authorities, and allow them to lead me with joy and not with grief.”

Verses about authority

2 Timothy 3:16

Hebrews 4:12

Explain how God’s Word is superior to other texts you may read.

Ephesians 1:18-23

Matthew 9:6-8

John 10:17-18

Explain how Jesus’s authority transcends earthly authority.

Romans 13:1-2

Hebrews 13:7, 17

Acts 5:29

What is your duty toward authorities? What are the boundaries of earthly authorities?

Day 10

“I will exercise authority given to me through faith, with empathy, service, and wisdom.”

Verses on leading others well

2 Timothy 2:15

1 Corinthians 11:1

Philippians 4:9

Titus 1:5-9

Some celebrities claim exemption from serving as role models, even while their lives are on display for adoring fans. But the fact is, even non-celebrities influence those around them, including you. What are some areas you might not want people to imitate in you, and what can you do about that?

1 Peter 2:21

1 Peter 5:1-4

Matthew 20:25-28

How is biblical leadership counter to the secular world's standards, and where can you see yourself serving in a capacity that is consistent with God's call in this area?

Day 11

“I commit to utilizing my gifts through the power of grace to fulfill my calling, to work hardily, as to God and not to man.”

Verses on calling and work

Exodus 31:3-5

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Why is it important to recognize where our gifts come from, and for what purpose they serve?

Colossians 3:22-23

Proverbs 22:29

What is the value and benefits of hard work? What are some of the results of half-hearted effort? In what areas do you feel you could be a more whole-hearted worker?

1 Peter 4:10-11

Romans 12:3-8

You have certain gifts and talents that put you in position to bless others and bless God. Why do you think so many who are talented, use their talents to primarily benefit themselves?

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Day 12

“I will maintain integrity toward men, toward God who sees all,”

Verses on integrity

1 Kings 9:4-5

Psalm 41:11-13

Why do you think God’s promises for protection are dependent on your faithfulness to walking in integrity?

Job 2:3

Luke 16:10

Throughout the Bible, the phrase “walks in integrity” is used to describe how this character quality is one of action. What are simple practical ways you can demonstrate integrity outwardly in your own life?

Proverbs 10:9

Proverbs 28:6

Luke 16:10

What warnings can you take from the verses above about a lack of integrity?

Day 13

“and willingly submit myself in accountability to the Holy Spirit, and to my fellow brother.”

Verses about accountability

Hebrews 4:13

Matthew 12:36-37

If God walked into your room today, how might you explain to Him how you have handled areas of your life that are not consistent with His standards?

Galatians 6:1-2

Ephesians 4:25

How can you genuinely care for your brother’s soul in a way that is kingdom minded?

James 5:16, 19-20

Proverbs 27:17

What is the value of having trustworthy friends who don’t always say what we want to hear?

Read “My Heart, Christ’s Home” [HERE](#)

Day 14

“I am called to defend the truth, protect my family and fellow man,”

Verses about defense and protection

Psalm 18:2

Isaiah 41:10

What Bible stories or personal experiences can you draw on that demonstrate that God is your defender and source strength?

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Ephesians 6:10-17

2 Timothy 4:1-2

What are sources of spiritual and emotional attack in your life, and how can you create a worthy defense against them?

1 Timothy 5:8

Ephesians 5:25

Psalm 82:4

What are ways you can be a protector of your family and community?

Day 15

“act courageously and steadfastly in the face of opposition, proving my faith genuine, and eternally centered.”

Verses about courage and faithfulness

Joshua 1:8-9

God charges Joshua to be faithful toward God’s word, and to be strong and courageous as he leads Israel into the Promised Land. How does knowing God’s word lead to courageous living?

Matt 10:28

Hebrews 13:5-6

Deuteronomy 31:6

1 Corinthians 16:3

What types of things tend to bring you fear? How can fear drive our decision-making? What is an area you need to ask God to redeem for you so you can live under His promises?

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

Philippians 1:12-14

When and how does faithfulness to a calling triumph over personal gain or fame?

Day 16

“I will leave a legacy of faith in my Savior Jesus Christ,”

Verses about legacy

2 Timothy 2:2

Philippians 4:9

You only have to be one step ahead to lead. What are things you know how to do that you could teach someone else (cook a meal, mow the lawn, read their bible etc.)?

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

Psalm 78:4

Joshua 4:21-22

Everyone has a story to tell about how God has been good and faithful and true. What is at least one thing you could share with someone about who God has been to you?

How does leaving a positive legacy start today, regardless of how old you are, or your current position in life?

If someone asked you, “How do you want to be remembered,” what would you say? How does this line up with who you are or what you are doing currently? What needs to change in order to help you live out what you desired to be remembered by?

Day 17

“hope in His promise for me,”

Verses about hope

Jeremiah 29:11

Philippians 1:6

Where do you feel like God is currently working on you? Are you allowing Him to make you more Christ-like through humility and obedience?

Romans 8:24-25

Philippians 3:13-14

Colossians 3:1-2

What does it mean to live for a transcendent cause? What does it mean to be pressing toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (NASB)?

Learn more about hope [HERE](#)

Day 18

“and love unconditional.”

Verses about God’s love

Jeremiah 31:3

Ephesians 3:17-19

Romans 8:35-39

Love from others can seem so fleeting and absent sometimes. However, it is one of our most basic needs. How is God’s love different, and how can it fill that need in your life?

1 John 4:7-11

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

While we do not earn God’s love, we are expected to respond to it through abiding in Christ, and imitation of His work. What is an area where you find your love is conditional?

God sacrificed His only Son for us even as we continued in our sinful ways. What are some ways you could show sacrificial love for someone even though it seems counter-intuitive?

More about God’s Love [HERE](#)

Day 19

“As I return to dust, I will claim, the end on this earth, is yet the beginning of life eternal.”

Verses about death and eternity

Psalm 139:16

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

We are finite beings. How does knowing we will die put life into perspective?

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Why do you feel like it is important as a Christ follower, regardless of physical capability, to finish well?

Revelation 22:1-5

Jon 14:7

When you think about Heaven, what comes to mind, and does it get you excited? What questions do you have about Heaven that you could ask someone this week?

Consider writing out what you'd like to be remembered for. It's called a "eulogy". Once you have done this, in what ways can you live in order to be consistent with your eulogy?

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