

Sermon Handout
“Alienation and Communion”
I Corinthians 1:9, 10

And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:8

I. Man Was Created to Know and to Speak

- a. Man was created to govern creation Genesis 1:26, 28
Adam & Eve to rule under God – delegated authority
Repeated to Noah Gen 9:1-2 *cf.* Ps 8:3-9
- b. Adam exercised rule by speaking Genesis 2:19-23
 - A. Authoritative naming of animals vv. 19-20
God brought the animals to Adam v. 19
 - B. Adam named his wife vv. 22-23
God brought Eve to Adam v. 22
- c. Adam’s sin disrupted communication with God Genesis 3:8-11
See Isa 59:1-2 “your iniquities have separated you”

II. Knowing and Speaking Remain Human Distinctives

- a. Creator/Creature distinction Genesis 1:26
In finitude: God / Man, Animals, Plants, Minerals
In personality: God and Man / Animals, Plants, Minerals
- b. Psalm 100:3, 4: Knowing (v. 3) and speaking (v. 4)
- c. Man continues his subordinate ruling (naming)
 - A. Eve – Gen 4:1 (Cain); 4:25 (Seth)
 - B. Cain – Gen 4:17 (the rebellious line from Adam)
 - C. Seth – Gen 4:26 (begins a Godly line from Adam)

III. Restoration of Knowledge and Fellowship in Christ

- a. Christ is the new Dominion Man Heb 2:1-10 citing Ps 8:4-6
- b. Baptize in the Triune Name Mt 28:10 *cf.* II Cor 5:17; Act 11:26
- c. To know God is to judge righteously Jer 22:13-16
 - A. Praise for Josiah II Kg 23:24-25
 - B. Contrast: Jehoiakim w/ Josiah Jer 22:13-19 *cf.* vv. 1-4
- d. Consider the excellency of knowing Christ Phil 3:8-14
 - A. Strive for greater understanding v. 13
 - B. Paul’s prayer in Col 1:9-10 *cf.* vs. 17