

Genesis 5

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Genesis 5.
- B. God takes great delight in hiding things to lead us to an amazing discovery of truth.
- C. Matthew begins with a genealogy too.
- D. There are only two families—those belonging to Adam and those belonging to Christ.

II. Adam was made in the likeness and image of God and Seth in the likeness and image of man.

- A. There was something invisible in Seth that was like Adam in his fallen condition, so he behaved outwardly, as he was within.
- B. Your image is what you are and your likeness is what you appear to be to others.

III. The genealogies of the Scripture are not specific enough to trace down the age of the human race—Jews treated genealogies more generally.

IV. There is a repetition of the phrase “and he died” with Enoch being the exception to this rule.

- A. Elijah is the only other person who did not die.
- B. Enoch did not die because he walked with God.
- C. The year Methuselah died the flood came. His name prophetically meant, “When he dies it will come.” This influenced Enoch to walk with God.
- D. All it takes to walk with God is take more than one step with Him.
 - 1. Repent.
 - 2. Believe.
- E. Enoch learned to walk with God because he saw that the age was ending.

V. The table of genealogy’s purpose.

- A. To warn us of a day when human evil will be stopped dead in its tracks.
- B. To show us how to walk with God.
 - 1. Seth means “appointed,” Enosh means “mortal man,” Canaan means “sorrow,” Mahalael means “the blessed God,” Jared means “ shall come down,” Enoch means

“teaching,” Methusaleh means “his death shall bring,” Lamech means “despairing,” and Noah means “comfort.”

2. These names point out the gospel: it is appointed to mortal man to have sorrow, but the blessed God shall come down teaching and His death shall bring to the despairing comfort. (Jude 14)

3. The one having the hope of God in him purifies himself just as God is pure. (I John 3)

C. In eternity, we will all appear before God simultaneously and immediately. (Hebrews 11)

D. Great mysteries and wonders are hidden for us beyond this life—we are called in light of this to redeem the time because the days are evil.

Application questions:

1. What does image and likeness mean and how does Seth inherit Adam’s? What does this mean for mankind?

2. What did it mean for Enoch to walk with God?

3. How does the genealogy in Genesis 5 show the gospel according to the speaker? What is the message of good news for us in light of the problem of death? Explain.
