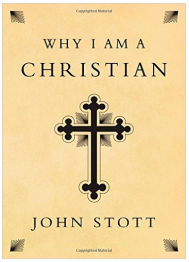

CBC's Women's Ministry Bible Study
Why I Am A Christian, John Stott, chapter 4
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THE PARADOX OF OUR HUMANNESS - "...Christ died to make us clean, and by the inward working of the Holy Spirit he can make us new. This is the logical application of the gospel in response to the paradox of our humanness: it is the fourth reason why I am a Christian." pp. 78-79

1. Read chapter four, *"The Cross of Christ", pp. 64-79.*

2. A paradox is presented in this chapter: the glory and the shame, the dignity and the depravity of our humanness.

- What human traits illustrate the "glory" and "dignity" of our humanness?

- What human traits illustrate the "shame" and "depravity" of our humanness?

- Did Jesus teach the fundamental goodness of our human nature or our innate human capacity for evil?

3. Why, in view of the human paradox, is democracy the best form of government?

4. In view of our capacity for exhibiting both dignity and depravity, what must we affirm and what must we deny in our daily walk?

5. In view of the paradox of our humanness, what double need do we have that is offered in the gospel?

4. Memorize Genesis 1:27. ***"So God created men in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. "***