



Celebration - Sunday 8:45 am

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God's Greatest Creation... You
Genesis 1:26-2:3

GOD CREATES MAN AND WOMAN

➤ God miraculously created all life: Similarities of Man and animals.

- Both come from the earth. Genesis 1:24; 2:7
- Both are "blessed" by God. Genesis 1:22, 28
- Both are commanded to be fruitful and multiply. Genesis 1:22, 28
- Both were given life by the breath of God. Genesis 2:7; 7:22

We do not worship the creation of God, but we must respect and care for it as He did.

➤ Man and Woman, however, are a unique and distinct creation from all other life.

Because we are made in God's image -- Genesis 1:26, 27.

Image =

- In our Body: **Genesis 16:13** sight; **Psalm 94:9** hearing; **Genesis 8:21** smell; **Genesis 32:32** touch; **II Peter 1:18** speech. Christ-- Hebrews 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17; II Corinthians 4:4.
- In our Mind: **Luke 2:52**; **Genesis 2:16, 17**; **Romans 12:1, 2**
- In our Spirit: **Zechariah 12:1**; **Psalm 33:14, 15**; **Luke 23:46**

We carry God's image to a fallen world. How does your life, in these three areas, bear His image in your marriage, family, business and community?

➤ Therefore, we all have great value and significance before God.

We are "very good" -- Genesis 1:31

God has given us the following:

Our Purpose _____ in life from God. Genesis 1:28; Psalm 139:13-16

God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth..."

Our Power _____ in life from God. Genesis 1:28; Psalm 8:5-9

...and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

Our Provision _____ for life from God. Genesis 1:29, 30

Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you."

Our Pattern _____ for life from God. Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 31:13-18; Hebrews 4:9-11

Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Which of these are you appropriately pursuing in your life?

Which are you neglecting or abusing and need to pursue as His image bearer?

DIGGING DEEPER

Last week we saw how small and insignificant we can be in the immense universe that God has created. This week we learn of our great value and significance because of our unique creation by God. All human life is not just a better version of some monkey or ape. We are uniquely different because of one primary truth—we alone are made in the image of God. That image will be discussed in the services. But note how much planning God entered into to create you and me and then recreate us after we sinned. We will learn more about this in Genesis 3.

Genesis 1:26: Note how the Trinity of God the Father, God the Son, Jesus Christ and God the Spirit discussed this separate creation of man with the words. “Let Us make man in Our image...”

This discussion began long before the creation of Day Six. Read about God’s plans for our lives and our redemption in the following passages and notice when this plan was designed. He knew that we are weak and will need His power to save us. Read **Psalms 103:13-17**. How does this encourage you?

I Peter 1:18-22. When did Christ make plans to save you? What does that say about God’s knowledge of Adam’s sin before the sin of Adam occurred? What does that say about God’s sovereign rule and knowledge?

II Timothy 1:8, 9. When was it granted to Jesus to save you? In what way should we join with Paul in vs. 8? Why should that give you more confidence in your faith?

Ephesians 1:3-6. When did God choose you? Why did He choose you?

The image of God can be seen in our body in the sense that we live out some of His attributes. Our body, however, has been corrupted, so we do not enjoy the perfect body of Adam and Eve. But some day we will have that perfect body like Jesus Christ after His resurrection, if you have trusted in Him as your Savior.

What do you learn about the corruption of sin in our body and world in the following passages?

II Corinthians 4:16-5:10

Romans 8:18-25

According to I Corinthians 6:18-20, what is the most important way to glorify the image of God in our body?



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