



Celebration - Sunday 8:45 am

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Why God Formed Man  
Genesis 2

## HOW WE BEAR THE IMAGE OF GOD

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- We keep the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Genesis 2:9, 16, 17

*The Lord God commanded the man... 2:17*

**In obedience...**

- We reveal God's \_\_\_\_\_ for us.
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- We \_\_\_\_\_ for God's creation.

Genesis 1:28-30; 2:15, 19

*Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.*  
2:15

**Cultivate =**

**Keep =**

(see digging deeper for more scripture and practical ideas)

- We live in Godly \_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 2:20-25

*Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." 2:18*

- I treat you as more important than myself. vs. 20

**Helper =**

**Suitable =**

- I view you as my equal. vs. 23 *"bone of my bones"*
- I share with you openly, transparently and trustingly. *"naked and not ashamed"*
- I commit to you a permanent unconditional love.  
**"join" =**

# DIGGING DEEPER IN GENESIS 2

God formed man: Note what, when and where in these passages. Psalm 33:15 Zechariah 12:1; Psalm 74:17; Isaiah 44:24; Isaiah 29:16

Two websites for ways to care for the creation are: [www.restoringeden.org](http://www.restoringeden.org) and [www.creationcare.org](http://www.creationcare.org).

## Some things you can do for creation care:

Read what the following passages teach you about God's provision and desire for His creation: Psalm 104:10-30; Genesis 1:20-25; Genesis 6:19-21; Genesis 9:8-17; Exodus 23:12; Leviticus 25:1-7; Job 38:39-41; Job 39:5-8; Psalm 65:1, 9-13; Psalm 104:13-15, 21-24

- ❖ Have a consistent time of prayer and Bible study so that you are better able to fulfill the Great Commandments to love God and love what God loves. Ask God for spiritual contentment, the cure for overconsumption.
- ❖ Study and reflect more on what the Bible says about caring for all of God's creation. Learn about current environmental problems. Pray for wisdom and guidance on what to do.
- ❖ Let your voice be heard by governmental officials.
- ❖ Agricultural runoff into streams (and subsequently into oceans) is a major source of water pollution. Consider buying local, organic food.
- ❖ Do not pollute - recycle used oil, and do not litter (plastic bags, broken glass, six pack rings easily end up in oceans, where they suffocate and entangle fish, sea turtles, birds, and other creatures).
- ❖ Pollution from our transportation choices pollutes oceans, destroying fish habitat and coral reefs. It also causes global warming, which disrupts the oceans' hydro geologic cycle and threatens the existence of oceanic and terrestrial species. Choose the least polluting, most fuel efficient means of personal transportation in order to reduce your transportation pollution. When possible, bike, walk, or use public transportation (for more suggestions see [www.whatwouldjesusdrive.org](http://www.whatwouldjesusdrive.org) ).
- ❖ Choose to use fewer chemicals, in your home, on your lawn. Don't use pesticides if you don't have to - look for alternatives. Use these cleaning ingredients: water, soap, white vinegar, baking soda, borax, and hydrogen peroxide.
- ❖ Do not purchase anything made from endangered species or their parts (e.g., ivory, crocodile skin, corals).
- ❖ Practice sufficiency and contentment in all your purchasing decisions. Buy only what you need, seek out products that do not contain hazardous materials, and buy products that minimize packaging. Recycle all materials - including computers - as much as possible so they do not end up polluting lands and waters where humans and other creatures live.

## Six ways we do not bear the image of God in our companionships and community. Learn how a shepherd cares for his sheep and do the same to others.

1. He/she frequently criticizes you. Romans 8:1, Ephesians 4:29
2. He/she does not pay attention to words or ideas. Isaiah 40:11; Jeremiah 23:1-4
3. He/she does not carry out personal responsibilities. Ezekiel 34:4
4. He/she dismisses your needs and does not seek to hear and restore and sympathize with them. Is 40:11; Ezekiel 34:6—scattered and no one went after to help or hold them. Matthew 9:36, Jesus felt compassion for them.
5. He/she shows preference to others over you. Matthew 18:12, 13—even one sheep lost is more important than the 99.
6. My own activities and needs are more important than his/hers. Ezekiel. 34:3, 5, 8