



GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING

GENESIS 1:26-27

Uniquely You, Uniquely His

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. GENESIS 1:26-27

I. You were created in the image of a triune God with a unique _____.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." v. 26a

G _____ TO YOUR CREATOR WITH YOUR HEART, SOUL, MIND AND STRENGTH.

II. You were created in the image of a personal God with a unique _____.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." ... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. vv. 26a, 27

G _____ EVERY PERSON, AS THEY BEAR THE IMAGE OF GOD.

III. You were created in the image of a purposeful God with a unique _____.

"And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." v. 26b

God has a purpose for every life

- Life is created by GOD.** (Ps 139:13-16)
- Life is created for GOD.** (Jer 1:5)
- Life can be recreated for GOD.** (2 Cor 5:17)
- Life can be repurposed for GOD.** (Rom 8:28)

G _____ THE IMAGE OF GOD AS YOU GROW IN HIS LIKENESS.

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DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Genesis 1:26-27. How does being created in God's image give humans relationship, value and purpose?

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another ...

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

"To be created in the image of God means that we are different from other physical beings like fish, birds, and animals. We are spiritual beings in a way that is similar to the way God is a spiritual being, but of course different. Nevertheless, there is a clear difference between humans and other living beings. ... Our understanding of our image and how we belong in God's plan of restoration is related to a proper knowledge of God. When we lack proper knowledge of God, our understanding of creation becomes distorted and so does our place within it. We start to think independently of God. Creation, including ourselves, becomes something we can manipulate according to our own desires and wishes. But these desires are not always reliable guides. The outcome is the distortion of our ability to perceive our gender roles in creation distinctly as man or woman. Our natures become corrupted to the point that God allows us to go our own way and pursue our autonomy in sexual expression. Rather than being a new form of liberation, it reflects deep despair that goes back to the most primitive times (Rom 1)."

ARAN PERSAUD

"Adam was not only a unitary, living, intelligent, determining being, but also one who was able to have unhindered fellowship with God. How can we express Adam's original condition? Some use the word *innocent*, but Adam was more than innocent, which seems to connote only the absence of wrong. Adam's original holiness was positive; yet it was not equal with God's—it was creaturely. Because it was subject to testing, it was unconfirmed. It provided immortality, for until Adam failed the test, he was not subject to the inevitable law of death due to sin."

CHARLES RYRIE

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:
"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

2. Even though we are created in God's image, for now we live with the effects of sin. In what situations do you fail to treat others (whatever their station in life, their attributes or their beliefs) as image bearers of God? When have you seen others behaving in this way?

3. How are Christ followers uniquely called and equipped to see others differently and behave toward them? (See Jeremiah 1:5, Romans 8:28 and 2 Corinthians 5:17.) How will you ask God for His help in this?

4. Only God can give us the ultimate life because we were created in His image. How does living a life in God's image cause you to grow toward becoming the person He created you to be? What does it look like to live in God's image each day?

5. In what ways do you understand God a bit more after this lesson?

6. If you haven't represented the image of God well or haven't lived out your purpose in the past, remember that He can recreate and repurpose your life, and renew your mind (Rom 12:2). What steps did the sermon encourage you to take in going forward from past failures?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

WALK TOWARD HEALING AND RESTORATION THIS YEAR We want you to know there's space for you to address and care for your own soul right here at our church. Our Soul Care ministry is equipped with trained, lay counselors and group leaders who believe the gospel is the starting ground for restoration. Whether it's learning about marriage, wrestling with the pull of an addiction, working through divorce, battling anxiety, grief or shame — we'd love to chat with you more about how to meet you where you are. Learn more today at www.ccbcfamily.org/soulcare.

FORGIVEN AND FREE We all have stories that come from living in a hurting world. If abortion has been a part of your story, it can be difficult living in another chapter when there is still pain from a previous one. Our heart is to provide a space to move from shame to freedom because of the love and grace that Jesus offers! We invite you to step into a new chapter of your story, but not alone — with Jesus' power, and with a group of other women pursuing restoration together. Read more at www.ccbcfamily.org/forgiven.

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MANPOWER Is a group that serves the widows and single moms of Christ Chapel one Saturday every month and they're looking for more men to join their crew! Experience and special skills aren't needed — just a willingness to get your hands dirty and help with outdoor projects and home maintenance tasks. Email us at ManPower@christchapelbc.org to learn more and sign up today.

STRUGGLING WITH GROWING YOUR FAMILY? If you're facing infertility, miscarriage, adoption or prolonged difficulty in growing your family, you're not alone. Our Wait with Me group wants to walk with you during this difficult season. Join us for encouragement, community and biblical lessons as we learn to wait together with hope in the Lord. This group is for women. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/wait.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY LUNCH Christ Chapel has a ForLife initiative that provides support to women in crisis pregnancies, saving children from abortion, adopting and fostering children, ministering to those struggling with infertility, caring for those with special needs, walking alongside the elderly and combatting human trafficking in our community. Come to our annual lunch today, Jan. 21, in The Oak Room, following our 11 a.m. service and learn more! There is a place for you to be involved! Read more at www.ccbcfamily.org/sohl.



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