

Day 1 – Made in the Image of God

This week we will look at the special creation that God made – us! We are made in His image, both male and female. With that comes an inherited genetic makeup, as well as a spiritual makeup, that is created by God but only truly completed through our relationship with Christ.

Where did we come from? What is the origin of man? Our world tries to humanly explain this through science and best guesses, but for the believer this isn't really a question. We know we come from a Creator God. Science may contain information about how we are made, but it falls short of providing all truth in the matter of who man is.

Read *Genesis 1:26-30*.

- What "pattern" did God use to create us?
(in His image!)
- What characteristics did God give us to be in His image?
(His likeness and dominion over all the earth and every living thing)

God created us with Himself in mind! We remind Him of Himself when he sees us. Wow! We are truly the "Imago Dei" (Latin for "Image of God"). This is not limited to just men or particular races. It's about men, women, and all people of every tribe and nation. It's also not limited to just Christians. That person you don't like? Imago Dei. That person who spews hatred? Imago Dei. That incredibly loving person who won't accept Christ as Savior? Yep... Imago Dei.

- How does it make you feel to see yourself as an image of God?
- How does it make you feel to know even the ugliest and meanest person is ALSO made in God's image?

Read *Genesis 2:7, 18, 21-23*.

- How did God form man (Adam)?
(dust, with His hands, and breathed life into him)
- How did God form woman (Eve)?
(Adam's rib, formed with His hands)

Read *Genesis 9:6* and *Psalms 139:13-15*.

- How do these verses emphasize God's concern for His creation?
(great detail is given as He knits us together, and He does not like bloodshed of His image)
- How then should we see each person?
(as He does – the image of God)

God made us to bring glory to Himself, just like He did with all of creation. We need to be reminded today just how special we are. We are His handiwork. And, unlike nature, we were given a spirit to communicate with and enjoy Him both now and forever. Let's take a few minutes to close in prayer to thank Him for creating us and asking for forgiveness where we have devalued His image by either looking negatively at ourselves or at others. Then pray for us to have His heart in mind to share the hope we have in Christ with all the rest of the Imago Dei.

Close by singing or thoughtfully listening to ["Great Are You Lord"](#) by All Sons & Daughters.