

IMAGO DEI
GENESIS 1:26,27
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26 Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.” **27** So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.

As we look at the creation account we begin to see how God’s creation of mankind was set apart from the rest of creation. Looking at Genesis 1 we see:

V3 - LET THERE BE (LIGHT)

V6 - LET THERE BE (HEAVENS)

V9 - LET THE (EARTH/LAND)

V11- LET THE (VEGETATION)

V14 - LET LIGHTS APPEAR (DAY AND NIGHT)

V20 - LET THE (SEA CREATURES)

V24 - LET THE (ANIMALS)

V26 - LET US MAKE HUMAN BEINGS IN OUR IMAGE

**MAN’S EXISTENCE, CONTINUING EVEN TODAY IS WHOLLY
A RESULT OF DIVINE CREATION.**

Psalm 100:3 *Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.*

Matthew 19:4 *“Haven’t you read the Scriptures?” Jesus replied. “They record that from the beginning ‘God made them male and female.’”*

James 3:9 *Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God.*

- Humankind is the pinnacle of God's creation (both men and women); while distinct genders (both male and female) are created in the incredible image of the incredible God. THE CROWN JEWEL OF HIS CREATION.
- Every human, regardless of their stage of life (life begins at conception and goes on from there) or development (selective abortions) is a person made in the image of God.

Genesis 1:27 *So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.*

- Even after humankind decides to betray God, to turn their back on Him, He allows His image to be passed through the bloodlines of Adam that continue in us today.
- When sin entered into our world (Genesis 3) we traded our *divine heritage* for *control*.

GOD WANTS TO REDEEM US, RESTORE US AND SEND US OUT INTO THE WORLD BEING THE BEST REPRESENTATIVE WE CAN BE IN A FALLEN WORLD!

Romans 8:29 *For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son, so that His Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.*

- God's plan has always been for us to be conformed to be like Christ, "to become like His Son."

Thank You Lord, for the price You were willing to pay on the cross so we could live free. Thank You for the power of the Resurrection that brings ultimate victory over sin and death. Thank You that this same power still works mightily within us today. We pray all these things in Jesus' powerful and saving Name. Amen.