

what we

BELIEVE

sunday
morning
series



We believe:

1. We are all made in the spiritual image of God to be like Him in character.
2. We are the supreme objects of God's creation.
3. Although we have a tremendous potential for good, we are marred by sin which separates us from God.



1. What does it mean to be made in the image of God?

In the creation account:

- God creates everything else in Days 1-5.
- God creates mankind on Day 6.
- Man and woman are the crown and climax of creation.

How does mankind reflect God's image?

- Intellectually, morally and socially

How do you view others made in the image of God?

- *"So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view."* (2 Corinthians 5:16)



1. What does it mean to be made in the image of God? *[continued]*

How was man made?

"The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." (Genesis 2:7)

How was woman made?

"So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man and He brought her to the man." (Genesis 2:21-22)



2. How is mankind the supreme object of God's creation?

Paul Tripp argues:

*"The image and likeness we bear enables humans to act as revelation receivers, interpreters and worshippers. Immediately after creating Adam and Eve, God talks to them. He didn't do this with anything else he created. He simply rested and moved on....Why did God talk to them? God knew that even though Adam and Eve were perfect people living in perfect relationship with him, they could not figure out life on their own. They were created to be dependent. God had to explain **who** they were and **what** they were to do with their lives. They did not need this help because they were sinners. They needed help because they were human. This is the first instance of personal ministry in human history. The WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR comes to human beings and defines their identity and purpose."*



3. How have we the capability for so much good and evil?

The fall of mankind:

"Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' " "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (Gen 3:1-5)



3. How have we the capability for so much good and evil? *[continued]*

A. The nature of Sin:

Psalm 51:4 *"Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight."*

B. The extent of Sin:

Romans 3:10, *"There is no one righteous, not even one."*

Affecting: Health, work, family...



4. What does Sin do in our relationship with God?

We are all broken mirrors:

- A. Unfit for God's presence.
- B. Unable to do God's will.
- C. Proud and will not turn to God ourselves.
- D. Cause conflict with others

Who best imaged God?

Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:15)

We are now in Christ:

Significant, secure and accepted in Him.