

## **From the Beginning: “Made in His Image”**

**Genesis 1:26-28; 2:18-23**

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### **I. We bear God’s image in our roles. (ch 1:26-28)**

*“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.”*

Genesis 2:15

### **II. We bear God’s image through our relationships. (ch 2:18-23)**

1. God created male and female as good and by design.
2. Some cultures elevate one gender or another to the detriment of the other.
3. Some view the distinction of genders as unnecessary and unneeded.

Psalm 121:2

### **III. We bear God’s image as a crown of glory and honor. (Psalm 8:3-9)**

1. Treat every human being with honor and respect.
2. Take seriously our role as having dominion and taking care of God’s creation.
3. Respect and celebrate the equality and differences between males and females.
4. Proclaim Jesus....God’s Son...as the Savior who saves sinners.

### **DIGGING DEEPER:**

1. What are some of the significant ways in which Genesis 1 and 2 shape a Christian worldview?
2. Define “image and likeness” and “dominion.” How does the biblical truth of man’s creation help believers accept and value themselves as well as other people?
3. How did God’s design of Eden show ways that humans are like Him?
4. Compare Genesis 2:18 with I Corinthians 7:25-35. How should a person determine whether to remain single or get married? What are some of the reasons why God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone?” In what cases would it be good to be alone?
5. Read John 1:1-18. How does Genesis 1 and 2 help us appreciate and love Jesus? Who could you pray for and share with them the power of the Gospel? (Romans 1:16)