

I. Introduction: Human beings are made in the image of the Trinity, reflecting the nature and likeness of the Triune God in ways that animals and other creatures do not.

II. Made in God's Image (Gen 1:26-31; 2:7-25).

A. God's Personhood (**Gen 1:26-27**).

B. God's Diversity (**Gen 1:27; 2:7, 22-25**).

C. God's Unity (**Gen 1:28; 2:18-25**).

D. God's Authority (**Gen 1:28-31**).

E. God's Standard (**2 Cor 3:18; 4:4; Phil 2:7; Col 1:15**).

III. Conclusion: God created human beings as unique creations that reflect His image and likeness. This means that we have value, meaning, dignity, purpose, and worth.

Questions About: Made in God's Image

1. What does it mean to be human? Who am I? Why am I here? What is my purpose? How are these questions all related to the image of God?
2. How do we reflect God's personhood? (**Gen 1:26-27**) What does it mean to be made in His image and likeness? How is this Trinitarian? Why is this repeated three times? (**vv. 26-27**)
3. How are human beings diverse? (**Gen 1:26-27; 2:7, 22-25**) What two kinds of humans did God create? How are they different? How does our culture try to distort these identities?
4. How do two humans reflect God's unity? (**Gen 1:28; 2:18-25**) What did God say was "not good"? (**Gen 2:18**) How does marriage reflect a mysterious oneness? (**Gen 2:24; Eph 5:32**)
5. How did God bless human beings? (**Gen 1:28**) How are marriage and children a blessing? How does sexual union signify a beautiful oneness? How has God blessed you?
6. What two responsibilities did God give to Adam and Eve? (**Gen 1:28-31**) How does mankind reflect God's rule? How did God bless humanity? (**Gen 1:28**) How are you blessed?
7. How is Jesus the true measure of a human being? (**2 Cor 3:18; 4:4; Phil 2:7; Col 1:15**) How does He show us what a normal human being looks like? Why is this important?
8. How does emulating Jesus make us more human? How should we live knowing that we ought to reflect God's image? How did Jesus demonstrate the way that we should live?

Prayer

1. Ask God to reveal to you how you should live, knowing that you are made in His image.
2. Ask God to help you treat others with dignity, value, and worth as image-bearers of God.