

## The Gospel: Image Bearers

Genesis 1:26-28

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man **in our image**, in our likeness, and let them **rule** over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created man **in his own image**, **in the image of God** he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. **Rule** over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 2:15

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to **work** it and **take care of** it

What does it mean to RULE?

Work ---*abad*---to serve

Take Care of--*shamar*--to safeguard

Mark 10:45

<sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Image ----*tselem*----Statue/Idol

GLORY = Weightiness, splendor, reputation, honor)

Romans 1:21-25

<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup> and **exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.**

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. <sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth of God for a lie,

and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

#### Romans 1:28-32

<sup>28</sup> Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup> They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; <sup>31</sup> they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. <sup>32</sup> Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:21

<sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

God did not just save us from our sin, He saved us for the ongoing calling of bearing His image in this creation.