

The Creation of Man

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1. Is it appropriate to refer to man when referring to the human race?

Genesis 1:12 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them. ESV

So God created human beings^[a] in his own image.
In the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them. NLT

5:1-2 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. ² Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man^[a] when they were created. ESV

This is the written account of the descendants of Adam. When God created human beings,^[a] he made them to be like himself. ² He created them male and female, and he blessed them and called them "human." NIV

"Therefore the practice of using the same term to refer (1) to male human beings and (2) to the human race generally is a practice that originated with God himself, and we should not find it objectionable or insensitive."

2. Why did God create man?

-He was not lonely

John 17:5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.,²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Acts 17:24–25 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,^[a] ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

-He created us for his glory

Eph 1:11-12 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

I Cor 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

-He gives us great joy when we live a life that glorifies him.

I Peter 1:8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

Romans 11:36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

-He does not share his glory

Acts 12:²⁰ Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain,^u they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. ²¹ On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. ²² And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" ²³ Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.

3. **What does it mean that man was created in the "image of God"?**



"The fact that man is in the image of God means that man is like God and represents God."
Wayne Grudem

Most agree that we are in his image in 3 areas

Substantive

Functional

Relational

4. Did the fall change our being made in his image?

-The fall altered our perfect ability to be like God and represent him.

“A Progressive Recovering of More of God’s Image.” Wayne Grudem

Col 3:10 And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

II Cor 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord,^[a] are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.^[b] For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Rom 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

-A perfect ability will only be complete when we are with Jesus

I Jn 3:2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears^[a] we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

5. What does mean on a personal application level?

-All humans are important

Gen 9:6 “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

James 3:9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

-Further study of this topic leads to limitless sub-topics.

Animal rights

Race issues

Euthanasia

Abortion

Mentally challenged

Creation

Gender and sexuality

Body alterations

Close:

“Oh Lord, our Lord,
How majestic is thy name in all the Earth.
Oh Lord, our Lord,
How majestic is thy name in all the Earth.

Hallelujah Lord our Lord,
Oh how I love you.
Hallelujah Lord our Lord,
Oh how I love you.” Keith Green