

Who Is God?

ONE: HELLO, MY NAME IS...

SESSION TWO: A MIRRORED IMAGE

OBJECTIVES

- 1. We are created in the image of God.**
- 2. Our image is his purpose. We are to mirror the qualities that God possesses in our lives.**
- 3. God is complete and doesn't need us to be His image bearers, but allowed us to do so because of His love for us.**
- 4. God is three persons in one, referred to as the Trinity.**

THREE: WORTHY AUTHORITY



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To this point, we have merely taken the tarp off the infield (so to speak) in our knowledge and understanding of God. As you have seen, God's character is on display all throughout scripture in the way He pursues creation — and His names reflect that. However, it still begs the questions: Why did God create us in the beginning? What does God need from us?

God is Creator

What is your current understanding of God's goal in creating us?

Genesis 1:26-27 says, "Then God said, **“Let us make man in our _____, 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.” **So God created man in his own _____, in the _____ of God he created him;** male and female he created them.”

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This is our beginning as people — God as creator and us as creation. As we read in Genesis, God created us for a specific purpose and with great intentionality. However, it has to be for a better reason than ruling the creatures of the earth...right?

To find our answer, we must unpack a word found in the passage in Genesis 1 — image.

Our image is not founded on the physical principle of God himself, but rather the reflection of the qualities we studied last session. This indeed is what we were created for. To reflect the glory of the Almighty who from the very beginning weaved us together to be a mirror of this image.

Turn to Isaiah 43:7 — “Everyone who is called by my name, whom I _____, whom I formed and made.”

“**Man was created from the beginning in God’s image that he might image forth God’s glory.” (Piper, 2022, para. 17).**

Throughout scripture, it is clear that it is not just Abraham, Israel or Christ whom God created for His glory — but YOU! God never needed us, but out of love lavished on us the opportunity to be for His glory. This is why in the New Testament, we are reminded to be ambassadors of the glory of God through the way we live.

Our purpose is His image.

1 Corinthians 10:31 — “Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, _____.”

Matthew 5:16 — “Let your light shine among men so that they may see your good deeds and _____.”

Romans 11:36 — “For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. to _____ . Amen!”

God is Complete

At this point, you may be thinking, “Man — it is pretty awesome that God needs me to display His glory.” God, in fact, does not begin to need us, nor anything else for that matter. God is complete, lacking nothing, and uses a profound statement in scripture to describe Himself as so.

On your own, turn to and read Exodus 3:1-15

Describe the situation in your own words:

What is Moses’s question to God in verse 13? What is God’s response and how do you interpret it?

I AM. What a fascinating answer God gives Moses as to what the Israelites should call him! Scripture proves that God is without need, without constraint of time and without words in any language to accurately depict His nature and being.

“ I AM THAT I AM.—It is generally assumed that this is given to Moses as the full name of God. But perhaps it is rather a deep and mysterious statement of His nature. “I am that which I am.” My nature, i.e., cannot be declared in words, cannot be conceived of by human thought. I exist in such sort that my whole inscrutable nature is implied in my existence. I exist, as nothing else does—necessarily, eternally, really. If I am to give myself a name expressive of my nature, so far as language can be, let me be called “I AM.” (Ellicott)

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God truly exists as no one else ever will. In fact, God, in His being, has the form of three Persons. Even more so, God has always and forever been three Persons as one. Did you catch what Genesis 1:26 said a couple pages ago? "Let us make man in our image." Clearly, in the midst of creation, God had great company. He was not alone, nor has He ever been "alone", throughout eternity. This wasn't simply God and His Spirit form either — Jesus himself was present along with them.

Read John 1:1-14.

Who was with God in the beginning?

Who is the Word?

This phenomena we read of is commonly called "the Trinity", referring to God as three Persons in one. Though this word is not explicitly used in scripture, it helps us identify a God that is beyond our comprehension in this world.

2 Corinthians 13:14 — "May the grace of the Lord _____, and the love of _____, and the fellowship of the _____ be with you all."

“ What I mean is this: An ordinary simple Christian kneels down to say his prayers. He is trying to get into touch with God. But if he is a Christian he knows that what is prompting him to pray is also God: God, so to speak, inside him. But he also knows that all his real knowledge of God comes through Christ, the Man who was God — that Christ is standing beside him, helping him to pray, praying for him... So that the whole threefold life of the three-personal Being is actually going on in the ordinary little bedroom where an ordinary man is saying his prayers.” (Lewis, 2009, p.163).