

Created for Sonship

Genesis 1:2-25 And God said... And God saw that it was good.

1. God created:

- Everything out of _____ . (Ex Nihilo)
 - Everything for a _____ .
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Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make man(kind) in our image, after our likeness.

2. God Created Mankind for: (Priorities)

- _____ ship.
 - Relationship.
 - _____ ship.
 - Stewardship.
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3. You are:

- fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14)
 - created to _____ His image. (Genesis 1:26)
 - a Living Soul (being) (Genesis 2:7)
 - capable of possessing His **Communicable Attributes** (see reverse).
 - _____ in his sight. (Isaiah 43:4)
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REACH Up - Talk and listen to God daily.

READ - Spend time reading God’s letter (Bible).

RECORD - Your questions, prayers, and revelations (insights).

REMEMBER – Encourage yourself by recalling your biblical insights, answers to prayer, and future promises.

Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

Communicable – God Reflected in Man

1. Goodness: Being good can only be understood in relationship to God and his character. Humans can be good in relation to one another, but their standard is subjective. Therefore, true goodness is understood in light of the revelation of God in his Word. We can emulate the goodness of God, but we can never be perfectly good.
2. Hate: God hates ([Psalm 5:5](#); [11:5](#)), and he does so righteously and with perfect judgment and knowledge. However, we often hate unrighteously and in ignorance.
3. Justice: Where God always does what is perfectly right according to the law, we do not behave perfectly. We can be lawful, and in so doing we emulate the perfect justice of God.
4. Knowledge: Where God knows all things ([1 John 3:20](#)), we only know partially. Our knowledge is incomplete and always will be incomplete.
5. Love: God is love ([1 John 4:8](#)) and expresses his love perfectly through Jesus. Because we are touched by sin, our expression of love towards others will always be tainted. But we are still able to express it.
6. Rationality: God's mind is perfectly rational since all that God possesses in knowledge and wisdom necessitates his perfect thought. We, on the other hand, are imperfectly rational. Our conclusions and deductions are not always correct. They cannot be since we are affected by sin and do not have all knowledge.
7. Mercy: Mercy is not getting what we deserve. We can exhibit mercy to others, though we do not always do it properly and perfectly.
8. Speech: We can speak and communicate. This is an attribute we possess, but our communications are never perfect. An attribute of God is his speech. He said "let there be light" ([Genesis 1:3](#)), and it was so. God always speaks truth, and it contains power. Our speech is not always true, nor does it contain the same creative power as God's speech.
9. Truthfulness: Truth is a quality where statements properly reflect actuality, but it is also a quality of character possessed by God. We can be truthful, but our ability to be truthful is damaged in part because of our lack of all knowledge and also because of our sin.
10. Wisdom: People are capable of expressing wisdom, which is the proper use of knowledge. But this is best done in light of scriptural revelation. We can possess wisdom but not perfectly. God, however, possesses wisdom perfectly and always makes the right decisions as well as the best ways to accomplish his decisions.

Save these February Dates

4th Communion Sunday
11th Water Baptism Sunday
23rd - 25th Reach Out Celebration
