

This Is US Series1 **“In His Image”**

I'm going to take a chance and bet on the fact that you looked in the mirror before you walked out of the house or apartment this morning. What did you see when you looked at you? Granted what you saw in the mirror was only a reflection of your exterior, but what did you think when you saw what you saw? Did you think you were too light? Too heavy? Too tired? Too wrinkly? Undisciplined?

How did you feel? Depressed? Impressed? Angry? Encouraged?

What or who is it that feeds your self-image? Is it your sense of sight? The things people say? Do you know that the constant comparison that social media platforms show us create an unreasonable image that we try to reach for?

Imagine for a moment if all that didn't matter, because our Maker's intention for us, drowned out all the voices that tell us we don't measure up to everyone's expectations.

Here's the truth...we couldn't have had a better start. We couldn't have had better “DNA” with which to truly see who we are. We are not just a shell of a human to be judged by others or ourselves. The Designer of all things intentionally created us and He considers us the crown of His creation. He made you so wonderfully. He made you in His image! This is who you are! This is us!

1. We are more than meets the eye.

Genesis 1:26-27 NIV

26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

-With hints and reflections of the Trinitarian nature of God, we are made up as body, soul, and spirit.

2. We are uniquely created.

-We are the only living beings created in God's image.

-God breathed life into the nostrils of humanity.

Genesis 2:4, 7, 18, 21-24

4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

7 Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

18 The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.

22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

3. We were made to be in relationship with our Maker.

-We were made to be relational.

-God made Eve so that she and Adam could be in compatible relationship.

4. We were made with the freedom of choice.

-God graciously gave us free will in our lives. It was a trust given to us to trust Him.

Bottom Line – **We learn so much about the Designer from the design.**