



**Series: Genesis: The Foundations for the Coming of Christ.**

**Title: The Image of God and the Cultural Mandate of Love**

**Scripture: Genesis 1:26-2:25**

**2026 Theme Verses** *May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. **Romans 15:5-7***

**March Scripture Memory:** *“And God BLESSED them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’” **Genesis 1:28***

CREATION: THE WHO, HOW, WHY, and WHAT OF MAN and WOMAN. (Gen. 2:4-7)

1. WHO: The Lord God created and sustains the world. The Lord God created and sustains me.
  - Before God created the church or government or business, God created the family. (1 Tim. 4:4)
2. HOW: We are made in the image of God. We each bear the image of God together. (Gen. 1:26-28)
  - We are given everything we need for life and godliness. (Gen. 2:1-14)
    - The Lord God gives us Holy Rest. (vs. 1-3)
    - The Lord God gives us a divinely designed distinct body. (vs. 7; 2:27)
    - The Lord God gives us the breath of life. (v. 7)
    - The Lord God gives us beauty to be in awe. (vs. 8-9)
    - The Lord God gives us goodness in work and food. (v. 9)
    - The Lord God gives us eternal life to receive and enjoy. (v. 9)
    - The Lord God gives us truth to know right and wrong. (v. 9)
    - The Lord God gives us creation to fill, subdue, and have dominion over. (vs. 10-14)
3. WHY: Our purpose is to be culture-makers together with God for God’s Glory. God gave us the cultural mandate. (Gen. 1:28; 2:15-25)
  - We work, play, rest, and build families in God’s provision as acts of worship.

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people

walking  
with Christ

inviting  
others

servicing  
together

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There are only 4 things we can do with our time:

- 1) Create - We co-create with God and one another.
  - 2) Cultivate - We cultivate one another.
  - 3) Consume - We consume together.
  - 4) Critique - We are each other's biggest fans and biggest critics.
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4. WHAT do we do? God blessed us (Gen. 1:28) to:
    - a) Give and receive love (God blessed them).
    - b) Be conformed into His image (be fruitful). (Col. 3:10, Rom. 8:28-29)
    - c) Make disciples (multiply). (Gen. 1:28; John 13:35)

Being made in the image of God implies 4 relationships:

1. A love for God and to love what God loves.
2. A love for one another. (Matt. 22:39; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27)
3. A love for self. (Matt. 22:39; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27)
4. A Love for God's creation.