



Creation and Us

Genesis 1, 2. In the sixth day of creation we learn that people are the apex of creation, stamped with the image of God. This is the source of human dignity, and it is why we pursue spiritual growth, so we will look more like him.

<https://www.biblicaltraining.org/creation-and-us/major-stories-bible>

Learners will:

- Gain knowledge that man is God's greatest creation
- Understand God's intention for being human
- Explain what it means to be created in God's image and likeness
- Identify as an image bearer
- Identify and describe God's majesty.

Day Six of Creation

Day 6 - Genesis 1:24 Two major creations

- God creates animals
- God creates human beings
 - Adam: People are the apex of Creation

Who is the "us" and "our" in Gen 1:26?

- Created as vegetarians
- Meat came after the flood in Genesis 9

God the father plans, Jesus accomplishes the work

What does it mean to be created in the image of God?

- We are like Him, but we are not Him
- Let there be...Let us make
- According to kind...in Our image
- Filling...Rule and subdue

We resemble God more than any other part of creation

- We are the focal point of God's creation...not a mistake
- We reflect God...He wanted to create something more like Himself

Genesis 1:27 Let Us...Our image

- In His singularity (monotheism)...there is a plurality (not polytheism)
- Latin: Trinity - Threeness. Three persons of the Godhead
- God the Father possess the ultimate authority. Decision.
- God the Son does the work
 - Light Jesus made and is the Light
 - Col 1:16 -
- God the Spirit completes the work
 - Hovering of the chaos

- We are made in the image of the triune God

What is the image of God? "Imago Dei"

- How do we know we are created in God's image?
 - Intellect?
 - Moral Choices?
 - Creativity?
 - Relational?
- Hebrew word "likeness": demuth. Similar to Him, but not Him
- God has given us everything that helps us image or reflect Him. 2 Peter 1:3
 - Heavens the glory of God
 - Skies the work of His hands
 - We look like Him, we can reflect Him to one another

God loves each person so much that He redeemed us so we could fulfill our purpose to glorify Him

We were created to glorify God

Application

- **Dignity:** Image of God is the source of all dignity
 - Identity: Sense of worth, significance
 - God has infused His image into us
- The world's view of dignity is based on performance
- No dignity apart from God

- **Spiritual Growth:**

- Jesus came to deal with the sin that has infected the world.
- He came to remove the power of sin and restore the image of God.
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 Transformed into the same image of Jesus.

- Put off the old man - Ephesians 4:22-23
- We shall be like Him

God and Us Small Group Activity

Stories of the Bible CAYA Series

Share one thing you learned about your identity from the Bible teaching.

Discuss an important message in how God has created us.

Describe where you are in the process of conforming to God's image and likeness.
Behavior, words, relationships, dignity...

Share your next step to have dominion and rule.