

1 • Created in God's Image

“What does it mean to be a human being?” How does God, our Creator, answer that question? What do his answers tell us about ourselves? Each other? Where we came from? Why we're here? Where we're going?



The very first answer to our questions can be found on Page 1 of your Bible: **You have been created in God's** _____.

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our _____.
And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in his _____ image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:26-27)



Do you know what that means?

1. **This is what makes** _____ **so foolish.** What sense does it make for human beings to create “carved images” (Exo 20:4) when God has already provided images throughout the world— human beings!
2. **Every single person you come in contact with is** _____. In Psalm 8, David describes us as “crowned with glory and honor” (8:3-5). But what breaks God's good will for his image-bearers? _____.
3. _____ **is the clearest, most perfect image of God.** The apostle Paul describes him as “the image of the invisible God” in Colossians 1:5. We will never get a better view of what God would love to see in the mirror than Jesus.
4. **My Creator wants me to** _____ **to the image of Jesus.** That's why we're given the time we have. “To be conformed to the image of his Son” (Rom 8:29).

What does this mean for YOU? How does it connect to YOUR life? **Let's talk about it...**

FOUNDATION STONES

“What does it mean to be a human being?” If you were to ask people your age that question, how do you think they would answer?



If we leave God completely out of our answers to “What does it mean to be a human being?” what happens? Do we get better answers? What does [Psalm 14:1](#) and [Romans 1:19-23](#) tell us about ourselves if we come up with our own answers and leave God out?

God has created **ALL SORTS** of people! In the space below, can you draw different sorts of people? What makes us different? What does that tell us about God, our Creator?

But **MUCH** more important than our differences, we are **ALL** created in God’s image. What will it look like to treat every single person I meet as special?

For NEXT Wednesday:

“What does it mean to be a human being?” Next Wednesday we’ll add: **You have been blessed by God with a body.** If my body is a blessing from God... **we’ll talk about it!**