

Theme: Man, the uniquely physical-spiritual being, is the image of God and crown of creation.

I. Intro – Review

- A. God created all that exists
- B. This included both spiritual and physical entities
- C. God shaped creation from chaos to very good
- D. What are we? What is our place in creation?

II. Crowning Act of Creation – Mankind

- A. Mankind is the crowning act of creation
 - 1. Mankind is the final thing God creates
 - 2. Declaration of God's plan – only here (v26)
 - 3. "Let us" in place of "let there be" – personal (v26)
 - 4. God breathes into man directly (2:7)
 - 5. Shift to poetry (vs 27)
 - 6. Man rules the rest of creation (1:26, 28)
 - 7. Man alone is the image of God (1:26, 27)
- B. Mankind has a special place in creation
 - 1. We are still but a creature – but important
 - 2. Others excel us in many ways – but we are image

III. What Is Man?

- A. Man is uniquely spirit-flesh being
 - 1. Man formed of dust and spirit (2:7)
 - 2. Animals dirt (1:24); angels spirit (Heb 2:14)
 - 3. Man is necessarily dirt-spirit – BOTH
 - a. Dirt - Adam/Adamah; Gen 3:19; Ps 103:14
 - b. Spirit – Job 33:4 (same word); Zech 12:1
 - c. Gen 2:7; Job 34:14-15; Mat 10:28
- B. Man is (not possesses) the image of God
 - 1. Genesis 1:26-27; 5:1
 - 2. Male and female – Gen 1:27; Gen 5:1-2
 - 3. All humans – not just kings – (Gen 1:27)
 - 4. The image is MAN – body-spirit – not part
 - a. Many say some quality – it is MAN himself
 - b. We have qualities in different degrees – but not image
 - c. Includes physical (5:1-3; 9:6; idols/tumors; see, hear)
 - d. Image inexact – knowledge; male/female; rule; physical

IV. Applying the Word

- A. Do we see the importance of mankind?
 - 1. Not just more highly evolved – image of God
 - 2. We are not just part of creation – we rule it
 - 3. Do we treat all others as the image of God?
- B. Do we see that we are flesh-spirit beings?
 - 1. Creation, fall, redemption all are flesh-spirit
 - 2. Many want to divide them – denigrate one
 - 3. Example – 1 Corinthians 6:15-20
 - 4. Impacts all of life – worship, diet, relationships
- C. Christ the True Image restores it in us!
 - 1. 2 Cor 4:4 – Christ the Image of God (Col 1:15)
 - 2. Image restored in us – Col 3:9-11; Rom 8:29

Man: The Image of God

Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7

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2 Corinthians 13:14

14 Are not **all angels ministering spirits** sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? Hebrews 1:14

19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the **ground**, since from it you were taken; for **dust you are and to dust you will return**. Genesis 3:19

for he knows how we are formed, he remembers **that we are dust**. Ps103:14

4 The Spirit of God has made me; the **breath** of the Almighty gives me life. Job 33:4

1 This is the word of the LORD concerning Israel. The LORD, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth, and who **forms the spirit of man within him, declares**: Zechariah 12:1

If it were his intention and he withdrew his spirit and breath, 15 all mankind would perish together and man would return to the dust. Job 34:14-15

Do not be afraid of those who kill the **body** but cannot kill the **soul**. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both **soul and body** in hell. Mat 10:28

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1 This is the written account of Adam's line. When God created man, he **made him in the likeness of God**. 2 He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, he called them "man." 3 When Adam had lived 130 years, **he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image**; and he named him Seth. Genesis 5:1-3

6 Whoever **sheds the blood of man**, by man shall his blood be shed; **for in the image of God has God made man**. Genesis 9:6

15 Do you not know that **your bodies are members of Christ himself**? Shall I then take **the members of Christ** and unite them with a prostitute? Never!

16 Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." 17 But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. 18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits **are outside his body**, but he who sins sexually **sins against his own body**. 19 Do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit**, who is in you, whom you have received from God? **You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body**. 1 Corinthians 6:15-20

4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel **of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God**. 2 Corinthians 4:4

9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is **being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator**. 11 Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, **but Christ is all, and is in all**. Colossians 3:9-11

29 For those God foreknew he also **predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. Romans 8:29