

Have you ever looked at a newborn baby and been struck by the wonder of their existence, the spark of life within their eyes? Throughout history, cultures across the globe have grappled with the fundamental questions of our existence: Where did we come from? What is our purpose? Why are we here? Some stories tell us we are mere servants of the gods, or products of random chance. But the scriptures offer a radically different perspective. “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness’” (Gen 1:26). This divine image marks us as special, set apart, bearers of something sacred. What does it mean to be made in the image of God? How does this profound truth shape our understanding of ourselves, our relationships, and our place in the world? Let’s explore the depths of this divine imprint within each of us.

1. In the Beginning God:
 - a. Genesis 1:1 is the cornerstone of our faith and redemption. | Heb 11:1-3; Psa 51:10
2. Humanity’s Personal Creator:
 - a. “Let *Us* make man in *Our* image” expressed God’s personal intent. | Gen 1:26-27
 - b. God personally “formed” the man like a potter, “fashioned” the woman like a builder, and face-to-face He “breathed” into us the breath of life. | Gen 2:7, 22; cf. Psa 139:13-16
3. As God’s Image Bearers We Are...
 - a. Recipients of His word. | Gen 1:28-29; 2:16-17; 2 Tim 3:16-17
 - b. Caretakers of His creation. | Gen 1:28-30; 2:15, 19-20a; Psa 8:3-8
 - c. Children in His family. | Gen 5:3; Luk 3:38; Act 17:26-29
4. God’s Image in Us Restored:
 - a. Sin marred the blessings of being God’s image bearers. | Gen 3:1-24
 - i. Disobeyed His word. | vv. 1-7a, 11-13; Rom 1:18-32
 - ii. Destroyed His creation. | vv. 7b, 17-24; Rom 8:19-22
 - iii. Denied His parentage. | vv. 8-10; Luk 15:11-13
 - b. But in Christ, we’re graciously given the blessings of image bearers once again. | Col 1:15-17; 3:1-17; 1 Cor 15:47-58

Humans are not evolutionary accidents. We are not cosmic orphans. We are not simply biological machines. We are image-bearers of the Almighty God. This isn’t just a theological concept – it’s a breathtaking reality that should shape every aspect of our lives. Look at the person sitting next to you. See the spark of the divine in their eyes. We are connected, not just to God, but to each other, through this shared image. Yes, sin has marred that image. We see it in the brokenness of our world, in the pain we inflict on each other, in the darkness that seems to overwhelm us. But there is hope! In Christ, the image of God is restored within us. Through His sacrifice, we are renewed, redeemed, and empowered to live as true sons and daughters of our Creator. So let us reflect the love, the grace, and the glory of the God who created us in His own image. Let us be His hands, feet, and tongue in this world, bringing healing, hope, and restoration to all we meet. Go and be the image-bearers we are created to be.