

GOD CREATED US IN
HIS IMAGE
FOR HIS GLORY

Psalm 8:3-4

When I consider your heavens, the
work of your fingers, the moon and
the stars, which you have set in
place, what is man that you are
mindful of him, the son of man, that
you care for him?

**WE MEASURE OUR WORTH BY HOW
GOD VIEWS US.**

THESE QUESTIONS:

WHY DID GOD CREATE MAN?
WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE HERE?
HOW DO WE FIT INTO ETERNITY?

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**WHY DID GOD CREATE
MAN?**

THESE QUESTIONS:

[MAN=MANKIND]

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let us make man
in our image, after our likeness.

Genesis 1:26-27

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.”

THE SETUP

**GOD CREATED A PERFECT WORLD
WITH ADAM AND EVE IN THE
MIDDLE OF IT**

MEN=MAMMALS?



AIR-BREATHERS

WARM BLOODED

HAIR

LIVES IN COMMUNITIES

MAN ALONE:



COMMUNICATE WITH GOD
RESPONSIBLE TO MANAGE EARTH
MORALLY **RESPONSIBLE**
PHYSICAL AND **SPIRITUAL**

**HUMAN BEINGS ARE
UNIQUE IN ALL CREATION!**

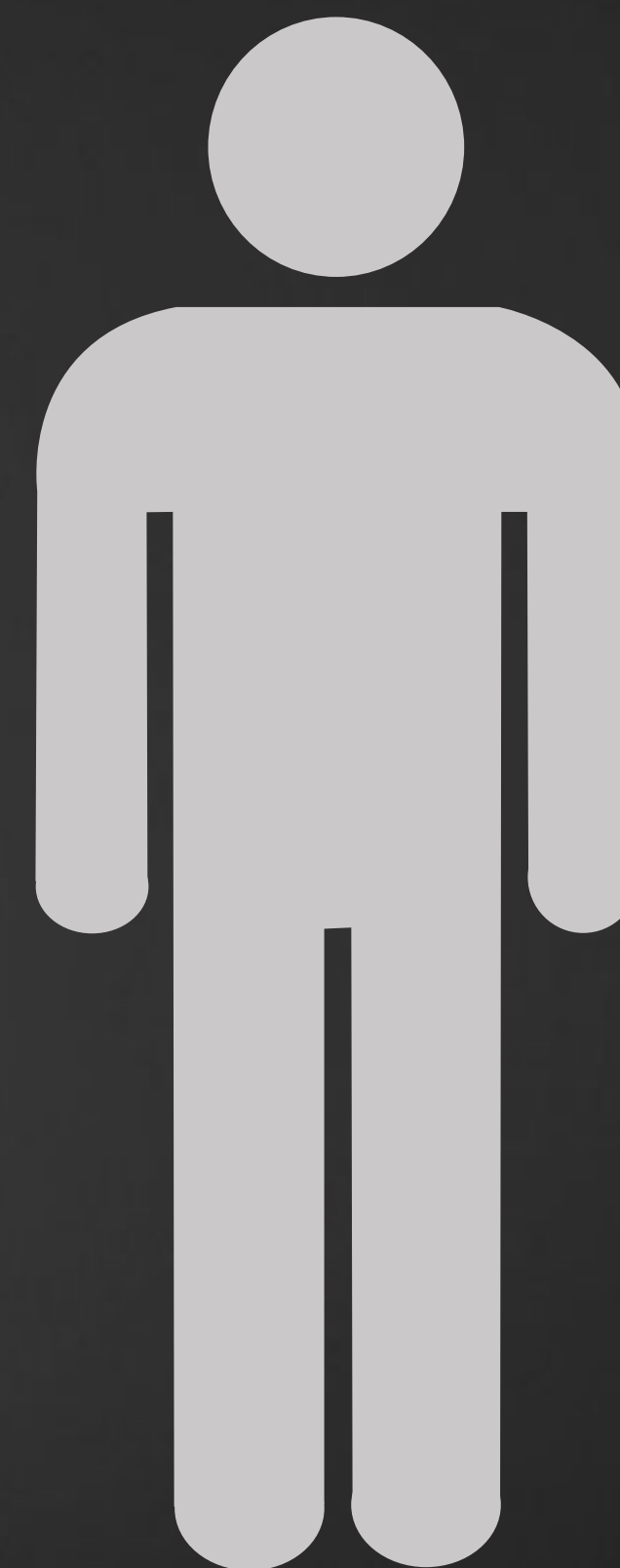
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MIND
BODY
SPIRIT



**WE ARE THE IMAGE-
BEARERS OF GOD!**

WE ARE AN
“ANGLED MIRROR”

-N.T. WRIGHT

THESE QUESTIONS:

**WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE
HERE?**

**“THE CHIEF END OF MAN IS
TO GLORIFY GOD AND
ENJOY HIM FOREVER.”**

-WESTMINSTER CONFSSION, 1646

Genesis 1:28

God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it...”

Isaiah 43:7

Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them.

OUR PURPOSE

WE ARE HERE TO **ACT** AND **SPEAK** ON HIS BEHALF
OUR JOB IS TO **POINT** EVERYTHING ON EARTH IN
GOD'S DIRECTION

Ephesians 1:10-11

This is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.

Ephesians 1:10-11

Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

Ephesians 1:23

The church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

THESE QUESTIONS:

**HOW DO WE FIT INTO
ETERNITY?**

THESE QUESTIONS:

DEFINE ETERNITY.

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**WHAT DOES
BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER
MEAN IN ETERNITY?**

Isaiah 14:12-14

**“How you are fallen from heaven,
O shining star, son of the morning!
You have been thrown down to the
earth, you who destroyed the
nations of the world.**

Isaiah 14:12-14

For you said to yourself, 'I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.'

Job 1:9-11

Satan replied to the Lord, “Yes, but Job has good reason to fear God.

You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property.

Job 1:9-11

You have made him prosper in everything he does. Look how rich he is! But reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!"

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(MISALIGNED MIRROR?)

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THE ANSWER:

GOD CREATED A **PROBLEM** THAT
ONLY HE COULD **SOLVE**

Ephesians 3:10-11

God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:6-7

For he raised us from the dead
along with Christ and seated us
with him in the heavenly realms
because we are united with Christ
Jesus.

Ephesians 2:6-7

So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

THE ANSWER:

**WE ARE THE ANSWER TO THE
QUESTION**

