

Our True Identity

Genesis 1:26

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, so that they may rule over ...'"

A. Who Am I?

1. YOU were created in incredible detail! (image/likeness of Trinity)

a) When God created you, it was effortless but it was miraculous. Psalms 139:13-14

2. YOU were created in image/likeness of God (Trinity)

a) God existing as one in the communion of three persons.

b) It's a mystery. 1 Tim 3:16

c) The mystery causes exhilaration and wonder. Romans 11:33

3. YOU were created for community!

a) The key to understand how we are created in the image of God is found in the Trinity relationship. If they are a communion of persons inseparably related and dependent on each other then we find our true identity in our relatedness to God and others.

b) Vertically with God and Horizontally with the people of God

c) Our greatest need is an authentic Christian community where three things are present:

1) The heart of God is home. (understand you're a child of God)

2) The humble and wise learn to shepherd those on the path behind them, (Discipleship is present), and

3) Where those struggling lock arms with each other and walk together through life (Gal 6:2)

d) The bible tells us a couple of things:

1) Gen 1:26 Created in the image of God

2) 2 Peter 1:3-4 We have been given everything

3) 1 John 1:3 Our fellowship is with the Father, His son Jesus and the Holy Spirit

4. YOU were created for a purpose! (rule over)

a) To add value to what God made.

1) "We participate with The Father (Architect) using His raw materials around us

2) We participate with HS (Engineer) by using environments that sustaining and celebrating life.

3) We participate with the Son (Creator) by building places and spaces where people are restored to God and creation.

B. Application: How Do you view yourself?

1. Spirit of Revelation: (What is God saying to me?)

2. Spirit of Wisdom: (What am I going to do about it?)

3. How can we help?