

THE IMAGE OF GOD

What does it mean to be human?

3 important principles about the Image of God

1. We were perfect at creation

Genesis 1:26 (NIV) *Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness..."*

2. We were distorted at the Fall.

Genesis 3:1 (NIV) *Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"*

3. We can be recovered at the Cross

Genesis 3:15 (NIV) *He will crush your head and you will strike His heel.*

- 2 Cor 4:4 (NIV) *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*
- Col 1:15 (NIV) *The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation*
- Heb 1:3 *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being...*
- John 12:45 *The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me*
- John 14:9 *Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father*