

# Made in God's Image

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## *How We Were Created*

### At the beginning

In His Image

- **Gen.1:26-31** – God made man in His image and gave him dominion
  - Image = resemblance
  - Be Fruitful = (Heb. paw-raw'); bear fruit
  - Multiply = (Heb. raw-baw') prosper, increase in anything
  - Replenish = (Heb. maw-law') to be full, satisfy
  - Subdue = (Heb. kaw-bash') conquer it
  - Have dominion = (Heb. raw-daw') reign, rule
  - It almost sounds like the "Great Commission"
- **THIS IS A SPIRITUAL CONDITION AND HAS MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR US**
- Adam did not work, He just controlled, ruled in the Garden of Eden with God-given power and authority
  - He had the right beliefs
  - Until they fell - **Gen.3:16-19** – The fallen condition
    - This is a new spiritual condition
    - It is based on our beliefs
    - It affected his actions and results

## *After the Fall*

### God is a good Father

- No matter what we do (Parable of the Prodigal Son)
- It is evident by what he did by sending Jesus
- That is WHY JESUS CAME – **Mt.18:11** – **Lk.19:10** – Save THE THING which was lost
  - Re-establish our initial position
- **Jn.10:10** – ABUNDANT LIFE
  - Abundance comes from the right relationship with God
  - The right relationship with God comes from the right beliefs (faith)
  - When our beliefs are right in one area we will prosper/succeed in that area
- **3Jn2** – Now God's desire is the same as at the beginning = prosper and be in health  
*God wants for you the very best life can offer*

How Jesus Has Accomplished this

- Revealing the Gospel for salvation – **Rom.1:16**
- Taking the Punishment – **2Cor.5:21** – "To be sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God"

## Questions to Consider

1. Can you explain what it means that God created Adam in His own image?
2. What was Adam's spiritual condition before the fall?
3. How has Adam's spiritual condition changed after the fall?
4. What demonstrates God's attitude towards Adam after the fall?
5. What is included in the abundant life that Jesus came to give us?
6. What must we do to experience all the aspects of this abundant life?