

Who Am I?
Genesis 1:26-30, 2:7-25

A. INTRODUCTION

1. What makes us human?
2. Logical or rational thinking?
3. Creativity, especially creating beauty?
4. Biological bodily functions and processes?
5. Love and relationships?
6. Dying
7. The question remains

B. THE CREATION OF ADAM & EVE, GENESIS 1:26-2:25

1. Genesis 1:26-30, the first creation account
 - a. We were designed by God in His very act of creating us to represent Him by ruling over His creation.
 - b. Dominion not exploitation
 - c. Stewardship, not ownership.
2. Genesis 2:4-7, a second creation account

3. The Garden: A Place For Blessing, Genesis 2:8-25

- a. A Place For The Blessing Of Life, 2:8-14
- b. A Place For The Blessing Of Fulfilling The Image Of God, 2:15-25
 - 1) IN WHAT WE DO: by submitting to or obeying God's purpose in creating man, 2:15-17
 - 2) IN WHO WE ARE NOT: by recognizing that alone the image of God is incomplete, 2:18-20
 - 3) IN WHO WE ARE: by accepting God's provision for completeness of the image of God, 20:21-25

C. THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD

1. Some understand image = natural qualities and likeness = supernatural qualities
2. Better is understanding image and likeness as meaning we are God representative on earth.
3. Who is God?
 - a. His essential being
 - b. His essential actions

D. CONCLUSIONS

1. I was created to be a picture of God and His desired relationship to all of creation.