
The *Imago Dei* (Image of God)

- **Exercise:**
 - Jeopardy Review

Introduction

- *Where do we begin in the reenchantment of humanity?*
 - We begin where _____ begins.
- The question all anthropologies must reckon with:
 - What makes us _____?

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7, 18-22

- **Main Point:** The _____ of God is the reason behind our _____.
 - Gen. 1:26-28
- Observations in Gen. 2:7
 - **First**, it would be reductionistic to say our _____ attributes are the sum total of the image.
 - **Second**, the _____ – or Spirit – of God contains within it the distinctive nature of the image.
- Observation in Gen. 2:18-25
 - **First**, God allows Adam to feel his _____ before He remedies his _____.
 - **Second**, Adam surveyed the whole of the animal kingdom **to realize he was _____ from everything else.**
 - The creation of the woman was, in part, a _____ in what it means to be an image bearer
 - **Third**, the image remained _____ in isolated Adam

- **The image of God is located in** _____.
- If we are to fully reflect the image of the _____ God, we too must live in _____.

Summarizing our Study in Genesis:

- From these observations (and from engaging other Biblical scholars) we can see three perspectives on the image of God:
 - **First**, is the _____ view.
 - The image of God is a “*definite characteristic or quality within the makeup of a human.*” – Millard Erickson
 - **Second**, is the _____ view.
 - “*God is fundamentally in relationship as a Trinity of persons; So human persons, made by the trinitarian God, are by definition relational beings.*” – Owen Strachan
 - **Third**, is the _____ view.
 - “*We need to view the imago dei [image of God] as a declaration that God intended to create human persons to be the physical means through which he would manifest his own divine presence in the world.*” – Marc Cortez
 - Image is located in God’s intention.
 - **Point:** The image of God is located in our God-given _____.

“This is the first step toward the reenchantment of humanity. By rediscovering the theological nature of humanity in the biblical text, we prepare ourselves to rise from the primordial ooze. Mankind is not an accident; Mankind is the special creation of almighty God. By recapturing the biblical account of human origins, we recapture human dignity, human worth, and our own identities.” – Owen Strachan