

**Series:** Imago Dei

**Sermon:** Created in the Image of God

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:26-28 (Other Various Verses)

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### **Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)**

**26** Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

**27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

**28** And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

In tackling this critical doctrine, there are some essential questions that we must ask:

- What does it mean to be human? (Who am I?)
- What does it mean that we are made in the image of God?
- Why is the doctrine of the image of God so important?

### **Colossians 3:9-10**

*Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.*

### **Ephesians 4:22-24**

*... to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*

### **2 Corinthians 3:18**

*And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.*

*The whole purpose of the Christian life is the recovery of the original image of God, in other words, the recovery of the kind of human experience which God intended Adam and Eve to have before the Fall. Ronald Macaulay and Jerram Barrs, *Being Human**

### **Colossians 2:9-10**

*For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority.*

### **Hebrews 1:3**

*He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature.*