

# GENESIS

## The Image of God and the Beginning of Life

Genesis 1:26-28 - Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”<sup>27</sup> So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.<sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it.”

### Image of God

The image of God is not referring to \_\_\_\_\_.

The Hebrew word for “image” is *tselem* and it comes from a word that refers to carving, such as carving a statue.

John 4:24 – Jesus said, “God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”

Luke 24:39 – Jesus said, “a spirit does not have flesh and bones.”

Physically, man was made of earthly elements – the dust of the earth, and our bodies will eventually return to dust. That is not like God. But our personhood, who we are, is eternal and that does make us like God.

### Three Ways We Are The Image of God

1) We have an understanding of \_\_\_\_\_.

Human beings are conscious not only of the world around them but also of themselves: their activities, their bodies, and their mental lives.

2) We have an understanding of \_\_\_\_\_.

We know good and evil instinctively.

Romans 2:13-15 - For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God’s sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.<sup>14</sup> (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law.<sup>15</sup> They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.)



3) We have an understanding of \_\_\_\_\_  
and we can \_\_\_\_\_.

4) We have an understanding of \_\_\_\_\_  
and we can \_\_\_\_\_.

## What Is Life And When Does It Begin

1) Everything needed for life is \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 139:13-16 - You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

2) The \_\_\_\_\_ is given at conception.

Romans 8:29 - For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.