

Made in the image of God

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Gen 1:26-27 (NIV)

26: Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

27: So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them

Gen 1:28 (NIV)

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Psalm 8:4-6 (NIV)

4, what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

5, You have made them a little lower than God*
and crowned them with glory and honour.

6, You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:

(*alternative meaning to “angels”)

Hebrews 2:16-17 (NIV)

For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants.

17:For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV)

15:The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16:For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

17:He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

18:And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

19:For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

20:and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross

1 Pet 2:9-12 (NIV)

9:But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

11:Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

12:Live ***such good lives*** among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us"

(my emphasis)