

MARK OF DISTINCTION

Read *Psalm 8:5*. How did God crown us with glory and honor?

Read *Genesis 1:26-27*. What does it mean to be made in God's image?

1. Every human is designed to have a likeness to God
2. Every human life is sacred
3. We are a picture that resembles God's glory
 - a. in holiness
 - b. in dominion
 - c. in relationship with Him
 - d. in relationships with others

Has fallen man lost the image of God?

What is lost?

- personal knowledge of God (Colossians 3:10)
- righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:24)

We now bear a marred image of God and await its full restoration.

How can we live *intentionally* as God's image-bearers?

FOR PERSONAL STUDY:

Application

1. You can't bear the righteousness of God's image on your own! What commitment will you make to be renewed daily in your minds, and put on the new man?
2. How will you respond to other people, knowing that they, too, are made in the image of God?

Memorization

1. Memorize and meditate on Ephesians 4:24.
2. Review Isaiah 42:8.
3. Challenge: Memorize all of Psalm 8 throughout this study. (Psalm 8:4 this week)

Preparation

1. Ponder and meditate on the beginning of the world and mankind. What conceptions do you have concerning our beginnings? Which are biblical, which are extrapolations, and which are unbiblical? Be careful not to base your worldview on that which is not explicitly biblical!
2. How does your view of our beginning shape the way you understand the rest of the Bible?