

GENESIS: THE FOUNDATION FOR EVERYTHING

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It is a gift of God's grace for us to image Him in the ways He's designed into every person.

We can characterize our image-bearing from Genesis 1 as *five* gifts of God's grace which are unique to humankind.



I. God's Gift of Ruling (Genesis 1:26, 28)

II. God's Gift of Relating (Genesis 1:27)

our fallen nature.

- our failure to image God due to our fallen nature.



Every sinful failure we experience in how we relate to each other reflects

And that failure is the sure sign of our need for God's Savior to redeem

"Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled, for the sexually immoral and adulterers God will judge." (Heb. 13:4)

Mankind's defilement of God's blessing of marriage, intimacy, children, and family reveals our spiritual bankruptcy -- our spiritual separation from God in our hearts.

III. God's Gift of Reproducing (Genesis 1:28)

"Divine providence is God's preserving His creation, operating in every event in the world, and directing the things in the universe to His appointed end for them." (John MacArthur)

These laws of nature are always under God's sovereign control, so that God retains the right and the power to suspend these laws by miracles. **Creation** is God working miracles in His world.

The world is not self-sustaining, but is sustained by God, its Creator, as the Lord tells us that: "While all the days of the earth remain, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease." (Gen 8:22)

"And God saw all that He had made..." stresses God's careful, authoritative perspective of creation.

"And behold..." creates expectation, exclamation, and gives force to God's declaration about what He's done: "God saw...and behold, it was very good."



- day one
- a second day
- a third day
- a fourth day
- a fifth day
- a day, the sixth
- a day, the seventh

Genesis 1:31 completes creation, and Genesis 2:1 definitively closes creation.

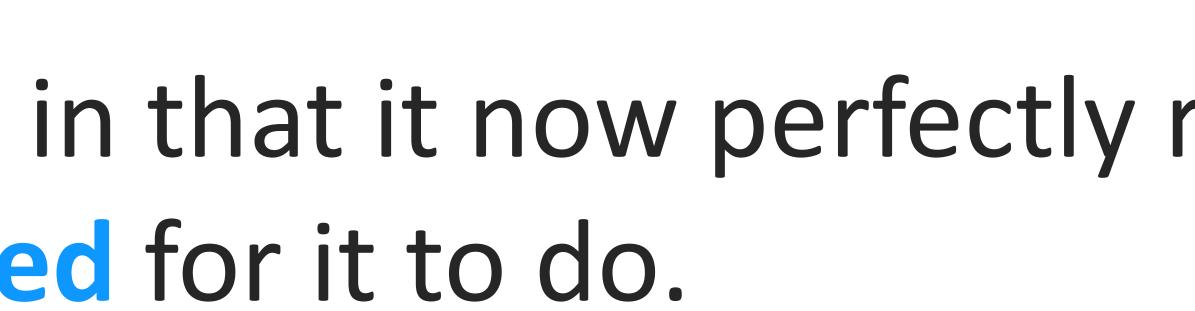


He had done..." (Gen. 2:2)

"And on the seventh day..." the number seven being the Hebrew number of completion and perfection, "...God completed His work which



- God's handiwork in creation is complete in that it now perfectly reflects His character in just the ways He designed for it to do.
- The original creation was a masterpiece reflecting its Master Crafter.





Creation week is the basis for our work week. God took the time that He did, six days to create and the seventh to rest, because He was establishing for the cycle of our weekly endeavors.



