

Made in God's image (Gen. 1:26-31)

How has God designed humans? What does it mean to be human, anyhow?

1. Distinct and dependent beings

Not completely differentiated

→ What that tells us

But God has a special place for human beings (v.27)

How special the Christian view is:

We are humans, but we are defined *in terms of* the d_____ (doesn't mean we ourselves are)

If that is true, how we treat others matter immensely

- James 3:9-10

Dependent

→ Implications: Art-restoration vs Lego-kit

2. Royal Representatives

Made in God's image = certain capacities?

...but Genesis 1:26-31 doesn't go in that direction!

v.26, 28 – image & rule

Every human being is royalty!

Reinforced by v.29

We rule on behalf of God, not in place of God.

What it looks like in practice – God makes his rule a model for our rule

3. A human being to be the Crown of Creation

The bad news: images & idols

God is determined to restore – Psalm 2, 110; Isaiah 11

The true image of God (Col. 1:15-16; Heb. 2:5-9)

whose work of forming & filling continues (Rom. 8:29, Col. 3:10, Matt. 28:18-20)