



**MADE
IN THE
IMAGE
OF GOD**

Then God said, “Let US make man in OUR image, in OUR likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea...” (*Genesis 1:26*)

a) Angels

**b) Simply language... getting formal like
the pronouncement of a decree**

**c) The TRIUNE God speaking/agreeing/affirming
within the three persons of God's BEING
that God would "create!"**

Exactly HOW are we like God... in his image?

We **RESEMBLE** God... we “look” like God

*Ps. 8:5 “You have crowned him
with glory and honor.”*

Mental – ability to reason and choose;
appreciation and pursuit of beauty, ETC.

Moral – discernment of the right/wrong;
conscience; justice, ETC.

He has made everything beautiful
in its time. He has also set eternity
in the hearts of man. (*Ecc. 3:11*)

What may be known about God
is plain to them because God
has made it plain. (*Rom. 1:19*)

Social – fellowship; love; need
communication for fulfillment, ETC.

We REPRESENT God... standing in for God
on the earth.

*Ps. 8:6. “You have given him dominion over
the works of your hands...”*

We are given **responsibility** and **authorization** by God. We are invested with his interests and given his blessing to **manage** and **rule** on earth as he rules in heaven.

We **REFLECT** God... actually mirroring
God to other folks.

*11 Cor. 3:18. And we, who with unveiled
faces, all reflect the Lord's glory..."*

An image communicates. We are not simply God's likeness; we are God's likeness here where God is not seen.

FALL of MAN. Although God's image in man was **distorted**, it was not **destroyed**!

CALL of CHRIST. From the moment a person receives Christ, God begins the process of restoring his image by increasing our knowledge of him and our desire to be like him (Col. 3:10)