

## Begin Again!

“Image Bearers!”

## A Study of the Book of Genesis – Part 4

Genesis 1:26-27 (NKJV)

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26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

## *Imago Dei*

### 1. The **SOURCE** of Your **Uniqueness**

A. You are **Unique**.

Psalm 139:13 (NIV)

*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

Job 10:8a (NIV) *"Your hands shaped me and made me. . .*

B. You are **Complex**.

Psalm 139:14 (NLT)

*Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.*

C. God Made you for a **Purpose**.

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

### 2. The **Shape** of Your **Uniqueness**

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

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<b>A</b>	Abilities
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## **I** - Inner Self

### **Philippians 2:13 (NLT)**

*For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.*

## **M** - Make up

### **Proverbs 4:23 (GNT)**

*Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.*

## **A** - Abilities

### **1 Corinthians 12:6 (GNT)**

*There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service.*

## **G** - Gifts

### **Ephesians 4:11-12 (GNT)**

*11 It was he who "gave gifts to people" . . . 12 He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ.*

## **E** - Experiences

### **Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

## **3. The Significance of Your Uniqueness**

### **Romans 8:29 (NIV)**

*For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, . . .*

### **Colossians 3:10 (NIV)**

*and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.*

- It Reduces Stress
- It Increases Success
- It Produces Satisfaction
- It Builds Self-Esteem