

Custom Made For God

- Genesis 1:24-31 -

- A. Would it have been great to see God create the world?
- B. God said *"it was very good"* (**Gen 1:31**).
- C. The day God made man, He gave him dominion (**1:28**), a place to live (**2:8**), and later garments to wear (**3:21**).
What God gives more attention to is His image He placed in man. Though the *"outward man"* becomes frail and weak, the image of God can be renewed...

1. _____ in Our _____

- A. In creation, God *"set eternity in our hearts"* (**Ecc 3:11**), giving us the capacity to know God...
- B. Outside of _____, we will find nothing to satisfy our deepest yearnings...
- C. God made us this way so we would know Him, not the world, nor its power or its knowledge (**Jeremiah 9:23,24**)
- D. When you consider the difficulty people have in life, it is often a sign of those who feel so much _____ and in control than God is (**1 Cor 1:25-29; Rom 1:28**)...

2. _____ and _____

- A. The nature of man is such that he will look for and search until he finds something or someone to whom he can give his life (a god)
- B. _____ sought & found vanity (**Ecc 1, 2,5**). He realized God should be our first priority (**Ecc 12:13,14**)...
- C. Paul's message in Athens directed people to God (**Acts 17:24-28**) Why? *"We are his _____"* (v.28).
- D. We are made to _____ and _____ God (**Rom 1:19-21**)
- E. We are not made for fornication (**1 Cor 6:16-20**), stealing, lying, laziness, idolatry, abuse, violence, murder, etc...

3. _____ God's _____

- A. Note **Rom 8:28-30**. God's plan from the beginning is for man He created to be conformed to the image of His Son..
- B. Man is not born to follow God. He is taught and responds to God's teaching (**Acts 17:30; 2 Pet 3:9**)
- C. God had in mind for man to be a child of God (**Jn 1:12; 1 Jn 3:1**), through the *"word of reconciliation"* (**1 Cor 1:18-21**).

4. _____ of the _____

- A. The word which reconciles has *"granted all things that pertain to _____ life and godliness"* (**2 Pet 1:3,4**).
- B. Of all the options God had, He chose to provide us an escape from _____ what was corrupting His image He placed within us (**Eph 4:17-32**, esp. v.24; **Col 3:10**).
- C. We are custom made for fellowship with God.

5. _____ His _____

- A. God's intent is to *"bring many sons to _____"* (**Heb 2:10**) and make them *"_____ of God"* (**Rom 8:17**)...
- B. Those reconciled by Christ await His return, because they have made Him their example and life (**1 Pet 2:20,21; Col 3:4; Phil 3:20,21**)...
- C. Heavens surroundings are described in **Rev 22:1-4**...
- D. Being God's child is the most natural thing... *Not anything else!!*.