

The Image of God and AI

- How do human beings flourish?
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____

- Understanding the “image of God”
 - **Genesis 1:26–28** – “²⁶Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

 - Four Views
 - Substantive - _____
 - Relational - _____
 - Functional - _____
 - Royal – _____

 - God made humans as royalty. He designed them to co-rule in close relationship with him and other humans. He also gifts each of us with capacities to fulfill our rule.

- Christ Formed in Us
 - Reconciliation with God – **Romans 5:1** – Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

 - Relational Unity with God: Co-Rule – **John 5:19** – So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.”

- Spirit-Filled – **Mark 1:9–11** –⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”
- Attentively – **Matthew 4:1–11** – Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, ‘It is written, “ ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ” ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “ ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’ ” ⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “ ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’ ” ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.
- Patiently – **Luke 2:52** –And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.
- Reflectively – **Luke 15:11–32**
- Incarnational Living
 - The Word became fully human or God-incarnate – **John 1:14** – And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - Today, we are the body of Christ – **1 Corinthians 12:12–14** – ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many.