



God Made Me

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Colossians 1:15–17 (ESV) **15** *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

- We're looking at the wonder of what God has done for us.
- Bottom Line today, very simple but powerful: God made people with a purpose.

What we see from Genesis 1:1-3

1. God is a Maker

Genesis 1:1 - *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*

- *When your fingerprints are on it your heart is in it.*
- God loves the stuff that he has made too! He loves you!

2. The Spirit is a Maker

Genesis 1:2 - *The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

- deep and dark were Jewish ways of speaking about chaos. The Spirit of God is hovering over the chaos.
- That Hebrew word for “hovering” indicates a kind of vibration. It’s by way of these waves and vibrations the Holy Spirit is engineering a world that is ordered instead of chaotic.
- And that’s a pretty good job description for what the Spirit always does. Wherever there is disorder, the Spirit tries to bring order. Where there is chaos, he attempts to bring healing and harmony.

3. The Son is a Maker

Genesis 1:3 - *And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.*

- Jesus is found in the word “said.” God creates the world by simply speaking it into existence.
- John 1:1 - Jesus is called the “Word” of God. Jesus is the acting agent in creation...he’s the Word....speaking things into being.
- Paul writes the same thing, *“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him”* (Colossians 1:15–17).

In the first three verses of Genesis:

God the father is the architect

God the son is the builder.

God the Spirit is the engineer

His fingerprints are all over us, and that means something spectacular...that his heart is fully for us. *When your fingerprints are on it your heart is in it.*

An interesting thing to note about Genesis 1:

To the creatures...he gives his blessing (vs 22), “saying”. I.E.: He says this general blessing over them. But to us...it’s personal. He comes to the man and woman he created and (vs 28) blessed them and “says to them”

Of all the creatures God makes...He only speaks to us. We are the only creature, the only part of creation, that discloses what God is like. His own image is built into us. Out of all creation, God’s fingerprints are on us the most.

Genesis 1:26 - **26** Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

To be made in God's image means that we share qualities with God that no other creation can. We could list many...just a few:

Painting the walls.

- Why? Because God is an artist. And we share his image. So we're artists too.

Checking your watch

- God brokers in time even though he is above time. And he put that characteristic in us.

Eating with others

- We eat together, because we're like God.

Sharing a story

- We have the luxury of words and *Language*. We alone share this characteristic with God, because we are made in his image.
- The fingerprints of God are all over you. And what that means, is that his heart is *for you* more than you will ever know.
- It also means that you have a purpose. You were created by a creator to create. You were created by a creator to create so that the very image of God can be seen in you.
- The VBS tagline: What you do today can change the world around you! What is it?
- The only way in which God can be seen/known in the world is in the humanness he created after his own image.
- It makes sense that the path that Jesus had to take to unveil who God is was to become human himself.
- That is what he has done for you. Have you created a relationship with this Jesus?