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3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:

Psalm 8:3-6a



13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Psalm 139:13-16



I am made in the image of God.

tselem (Hebrew) imago Dei (Latin)

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"... man resembles him [God] and that in him [man] God's glory is contemplated, as in a mirror."

-- John Calvin (Sermons on Genesis)



I am made for relationship with God.

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I am made with responsibility to represent His rule & reign.

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- Genesis 1:28



"So God has placed his own image, human beings, into his world so that the world can see who its ruler is."

-- N.T. Wright



I am personally created by God, in the image of God, for relationship with God, with responsibility to resemble and represent Him, and join Him in the ruling, reigning and revealing of His Kingdom here on earth, to everyone, everywhere.



BIG idea:

I am created on purpose, with purpose.

I am made in the image of God,

meaning...

I am created for Covenant relationship with God, and given Kingdom responsibility to represent Him.







And don't forget...

Being made in God's image means...

I am created for community!

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Journey Groups! (5-weeks)

- Sunday | 1:00 PM | Drenthe
- Sunday | 4:00 PM | Holland Downtown/Southside
- Sunday | 6:30 PM | Zeeland
- Sundays | 7:00 PM | Hudsonville
- Tuesday | 6:30 PM | Holland Northside (18-29 year olds)
- Wednesday | 10:00 AM | ONLINE (Zoom)
- Wednesday | 6:00 | Holland Northside
- Wednesday | 6:15 PM | Zeeland
- Thursday | 6:30 PM | Holland Northside/West Olive





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

Ephesians 2:10



