

# In God's image

## Part 1

Genesis 1: 26-31

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

- 1) What was God's plans for humanity in relationship to Creation? Verse 26
- 2) What does being made in God's image mean for you? Verse 27
- 3) How is Christ the image of God?
- 4) Many have looked at verse 28 and blamed it for humanities destruction of the environment. Do you think this is what God is saying?
- 5) What God's plan for all to be vegetarian? Is eating meat a result of the fall? Verses 29-30
- 6) Have a look at Genesis 2:7, 15-20, what is similar and different between the creation of Man in chapter 1 and the account in Chapter 2?
- 7) Why are these two stories different?