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1. God spoke and there were many different kinds of living creatures on the land. And it was immediately so. He created many different kinds of beasts of the Earth and many different kinds of livestock. There was everything that creeps on the ground. Many different kinds. And all of it was good. There was no sin or death before Adam's sin.
2. On this last day, God spoke and said to Himself, within the fellowship of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, that they would make Adam and Eve in their image. They would make them in their likeness. Humanity would be made especially in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ. Just as God has authority over all Creation, so Adam and Eve would have authority over all living things. Even though our sin pollutes the image of Christ in us, we all still reflect the image of God that He created us with.
3. How did Christ create humanity? He formed man from the dust of the ground. Jesus breathed into Adam's body His own breath and Adam started to live. Out of everything that was created, Adam was the first being that was created from something else that was already created. Although we are made in the image of God, we are also nothing but dust. In all creation, Adam was the most exalted creation of Christ, and he was also the most humble and lowly creation because he was nothing but dust.
4. How long was it from the time that God created Adam on the sixth day until Adam died? When God created Adam on the sixth day of Creation, He made him in the likeness of Christ. Because Adam was without sin, originally, he could not die. But Adam fell into sin and because of this there were consequences. He died at the age of 930 years.
5. Death came into the world after Adam sinned. The Spirit here in God's Word tells us that there was no death at all during the first six days of God's Creation. When Adam sinned, death entered the world for the first time through his sin. Fittingly, the Word of God records for us that Adam was the first man to die at the age of 930 years.
6. After Adam sinned, God cursed him and the rest of all humanity as punishment. We all will die unless Christ returns first and judges the world. The dust that we are created from will be the dust that we will return to. Although our bodies will indeed return to the dust, we are still made in the image of God and thus have eternal souls which deserve eternal punishment for our many sins.
7. Yet God has great compassion on us if we will fear Him. He knows how He formed us, that we are dust. Our days are like grass that passes away quickly. For a time, we flourish like the flower of the field. But the wind comes quickly and takes us away like the dust that we are. We are known no more. However, God has a steadfast love for those who trust in His Son Jesus that lasts from everlasting to everlasting. This love lasts forever to those who trust in His covenant and keep His commandments. Christ and His Kingdom rule over everything forever.

Application #1

Although Christ gives us different roles in different relationships, we are all made in the image of God. As a church let us see the image of Christ in every person who walks through our doors to worship with us and welcome them into our church as fellow image-bearers of God. Whether that person is someone who professes to follow Christ or someone who says they do not know

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Him, reach out in love and invite them warmly to join us in our worship of our King.

8. This verse gives great emphasis to the reality that God created us. Three times it tells us that God created man. Twice it tells us that He created us in His image. Once it tells us that He created us male and female. Out of all Creation that God created in six days, we were His final creations, made in His image. As with all Creation, we only exist to serve His glory. And we can reflect His glory more than any of His other creations because we are made in the image of His Son, Jesus Christ.
9. After Christ created us in His image, Adam brought sin and death into the world. This resulted in all of us falling into terrible rebellion against God. The image of God in us is polluted by sin. We are born into the world to practice sensuality, greed, impurity. Our hearts are corrupt, and we are deceivers with evil desires. But those who come to hear about Christ in the message of the Gospel and believe the truth about Jesus are able to learn His ways through the work of the Spirit, putting off our old self.
10. From the beginning of Creation God had created Adam and Eve to perfectly show His image in the world. But because of our fall into sin through Adam, God must now renew the spirit of our minds through the work of the Holy Spirit and help us put on a new self, created all over again after the likeness of Christ, in His image of true righteousness and holiness. We are recreated again in Christ’s likeness through faith in Him and what He has done in His life, death, and resurrection.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)

11. Through the power of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, which creates us again in the likeness of Christ in true righteousness, we must put to death the pollution of sin in our bodies and souls that comes because of Adam’s sin. The wrath of God is coming because of these sins, and we must learn the ways of Christ through repentance and faith in Him or we will face this wrath in Hell. But now we can put away all these sinful practices because of our faith, which is God’s gift to us.
12. In Christ, if we come to have deeper knowledge of Him in our hearts, the Holy Spirit is renewing Christ’s image in us so that we will once again reflect God’s glory like we were originally intended to do. As the church reflects the image of our Creator, Jesus Christ, our love and fellowship bring us together no matter our age, nationality, former religious status, culture, economic status, or any other division that we have. Christ is everything to us in every way. He is our first and only priority in our lives and He lives through His Spirit in all of us.

Application #2

No one can escape the wrath of God and be restored from the pollution of sin and created again into the image of Christ without calling on Jesus and believing in Him. How can anyone believe in Jesus for the first time or continue to believe in Jesus if they are not hearing the Gospel regularly preached? They won’t believe unless they hear. Because every man or woman created by God bears the image of God, we are to love them by

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offering them the Gospel. We have the Gospel here at our church, so we have everything that they truly need right here at Berkeley Crossroads.

Genesis 1:24-27

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then 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.”²⁷ So God created

man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 2:7

⁷ then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

Genesis 5:1-5

⁵ This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. ² Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. ³ When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. ⁴ The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. ⁵ Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

Romans 5:12-14

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not

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counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

Genesis 3:19

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Psalms 103:13-19

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children, ¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. ¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Ephesians 4:19-22

¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to

put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,

Ephesians 4:23-24

²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Colossians 3:5-9

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices

Colossians 3:10-11

¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Romans 10:13-14

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¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?