

## Image of God: Spiritual Beings

Sunday, Nov. 17/19 --- Genesis 2:1 - 17

*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them... 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 1:27; 2:7*

*The message we need to give the world is that God made you a certain way, but sin made you the way that you are now; and God can re-make you in His way of grace and eternal life.*

*- Kevin DeYoung, God, Adam and You*

- I. The End of God's Creation (2:1 – 4)
  
- II. The Environment of God's Creation (2:5 – 6)
  
- III. The Epitome of God's Creation (2:7)
  
- IV. The Eden of God's Creation (2:8 – 17)

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- i. Have you ever had an out-of-body experience where you felt like you were looking down at yourself? Share it with someone. Does that experience help you understand your soul?
- ii. How does it make you feel to understand that every minute detail of creation must maintain its exact measure of equilibrium for human life to be sustained on the earth?
- iii. What strikes you about the Garden in Eden that the first man and woman were placed in?
- iv. In Genesis 2:7 God formed man from the dust and then filled him with His own breath? What is the significance of these two substances in our make up? What does it teach us about each human being?
- v. Why is the teaching of the Image of God in humans a fundamental tenant of our faith and how should it inform our ethical practices?