

CREATION God Created

Love created for the purpose of love

In the opening line of Scripture we find God. He is creating. And it is all about love!

Read **Genesis 1:26-2:3**

What evidence do you see that **love** is both **God's motivation to create** and **His intention for His creation**?

CREATION IS AN EXPRESSION OF LOVE (motivation)

Read **Genesis 1:1 and 1 John 4:8**

What significance is there in knowing that love created?

Genesis 1:26 “*let us* make man in *our image*”

God's Desire (*Our Origin is in God's Desire*)

- God created with a “let us” not an “oops”.
- Creation is a **want** not a **need**. Acts 17:24-25, Rev. 4:11
- God was pleased with creation. Gen. 1:31 “it was very good”

How do you feel about your origin being in God's desire?

God's Image

- Male and female (unity with plurality) Gen. 1:27; 2:18; 24-25
- The “image of God” includes the capacity for love.

How do you understand what it means to be made in God's image?

CREATION IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOVE (intention)

Matthew 22:37-38 Love God, love others!

Love for God

- God created us for Him (Col. 1:16), to know Him (John 17:3)
- God's 1st day with man is one of resting in relationship.

Love for Others

- God did not intend for man to be alone. Gen. 2:18
- God intended man to be intimate & unashamed. 2:24-25
- Love for God requires love for others. 1 John 4:20-21

How does it help you make sense of your story to know that you were created for love?

Why is it impossible to separate love for God and love for others?

What changes will you make in your life to better embrace the story of love?