**The Story Begins: “Created in God’s Image”**

**Genesis 1:26-31; 2:1-8, 18-25**

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**I. Humanity created in God’s divine image.** (Genesis 1:26-31)

**Genesis 5:1–2**

**1. Respect for human life in God’s divine image.**

Psalm 8:1-5; Psalm 139:13-16

Genesis 9:6: James 3:9

**2. The divine image implies partnership with God in His creation.**

Genesis 1:26; Psalm 8:3–8

**II. The image of God disfigured in the fall.** (Genesis 2:1-8)

Romans 3:23

**1. Fallen humanity in God’s creation**.

Genesis 3:17–19

**III. Jesus Christ - the image of the invisible God.**

Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1:15; 2 Corinthians 4:4

**1. He is the exact representation of God.**

Hebrews 1:3

**2. He is the perfect human being.**

John 1:14; Philippians 2:7; Hebrews 2:17

**IV. Humanities restoration of the divine image through Jesus Christ**.

**1. The divine image is restored in Christ by faith.**

Romans 8:29; Ephesians 4:22–24; Colossians 3:9–10

**2. The Christian life a process of transformation.**

2 Corinthians 3:18

**3. The Christian life has a promise of complete restoration in the future.**

1 Corinthians 15:49;1 John 3:2;1 Corinthians 15:45-48