

## GOD CREATED YOU IN HIS IMAGE

According to Strong's Concordance, "image," used in these verses, comes from the Hebrew word *tsehlem*, which means to shade; a phantom, i.e., illusion, resemblance; hence, a representative figure.

The Bible tells us we're created in God's image. "However, Scripture does not clearly define the specifics of our resemblance to God. Several different theories prevail about the meaning of the phrase "created in the image and likeness of God." One thought is that being made in the image of God includes the totality of man's being. He is a living, intelligent, determining, and moral creation." (Basic Theology, C Ryrie).

Please write out at least four verses and personalize each verse in this section. Thank you.

1. Please read *Genesis* 1:27-31, Page 2.

GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS IMAGE.
GOD DECLARED HIS CREATION VERY GOOD.

2. Please read Genesis 2:4-7, 21-22, Page 2, 3.

GOD FASHIONED WOMAN.

3. Please read *Genesis 5:1-3, Page 5*.

YOU WERE CREATED IN THE LIKENESS OF GOD.

God structured man so that His likeness would be passed on to every generation. When Adam sinned, the image was defaced, not erased.

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## JESUS IS THE EXACT REPRESENTATION OF GOD

One drop of ocean water has the same chemical characteristics as a whole ocean of water. Just as one drop of water is all water, Jesus is all God. Jesus is the exact representation of God.

1. Read *Colossians* 1:15-20, Page 1,058.

JESUS IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created through him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

2. Read *Hebrews 1:1-4, Page 1,078*. Write out verse 3.

JESUS IS THE EXACT REPRESENTATION OF GOD'S BEING.

We were created in the image of God. He fashioned us. We're fearfully and wonderfully made by God in our mother's womb. He created everything about us: our talents, our brains, our arms, legs, and beauty. Every part of us was created to glorify God. He created us to have fellowship with Him. He created us to do good works, works He's planned for us.