

WHAT WE BELIEVE, PART 3
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Anthropology Part 2: The Nature of Man

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- **The human race was created in God's own _____.**
 - Genesis 1:26: *"In our image, after our likeness":*
 - These two phrases mean essentially the same thing.
 - The truth is repeated 2x in Gen. 1:27.
- **The fact that the human race was created in God's own image means five things:**
 - Like God, we are _____ beings and not just soulish creatures like the animals.
 - Adam received his spirit _____ from God (Gen. 2:7).
 - We share God's kind of life, not just soulish but spiritual.
 - We are _____ beings like God.
 - We have _____-consciousness (like God) and God-consciousness.
 - Ecc. 3:19-21: _____
 - Ecc. 12:7: _____
 - Job 33:4: _____
 - Adam bequeathed the _____ he received from God to his offspring.
 - Genesis 5:3: *"And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:"*
 - In the sense that we are created spiritual beings in God's image, we are God's _____.
 - Luke 3:38: *"Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of _____."*
 - Acts 17:28-29: _____
 - Like God, we are a tri-unity.
 - A union of spirit, soul, and _____ in one individual.
 - Dichotomous theory = man's nature has two parts, material and _____ (referred to as soul or spirit).
 - _____ theory = man's nature is made up of three elements: body, soul, and spirit.
 - Although the precise difference between the spirit and soul is hard to describe, there is a difference.

- 1 Thess. 5:23: *“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and _____ and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*
- Heb. 4:12: _____
- Like God, we have the characteristics of personality—intellect, _____, and will.
 - We are able to imitate and appreciate God’s thoughts and actions like a child imitating a _____.
 - We are able to think in the abstract, communicate, admire beauty, and _____.
 - We have the power of self-_____ (free will).
- Like God, we possess a _____ nature.
 - We have a _____.
 - We are capable of the same moral _____ as God:
 - Love, holiness, justice, righteousness, goodness, mercy, graciousness, truthfulness.
 - This part of the image of God in us has been _____ by sin but can be restored in Christ.
 - Ecclesiastes 7:29: *“Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man _____; but they have sought out many inventions.”*
 - Ephesians 4:24: *“And that ye [have] put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”*
 - 2 Pet. 1:3-4: _____
- Even our _____ are made in the image of God in a sense, although God doesn’t have a body.
 - You have a body uniquely _____ and ideally suited to express the image of God in you.