

SERMON

DATE: Sunday, May 4-5, 2019

SERIES TITLE: REFLECT - Mirroring the Image of God in Our Relationships

SERMON TITLE: Who Are We?

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:26-31

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[26] Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

[27] So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

[28] God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

[29] Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

[30] And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

[31] God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

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- ❖ God preexisted creation.
- ❖ God created everything by His words.
- ❖ God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit were active in creation.
- ❖ God said His creation was good.

WHO ARE WE?

1. We are special objects of Divine love.
 - We are created in the image of God Himself.
2. We are created for Divine purposes.
3. We are created for relationships.
4. We are created for relationships which reflect our Creator.

Lagniappe

Today we celebrate over 40 of our young people who are graduating from high school. What a significant day this is – both for the students and for their parents and guardians.

At noon, our student ministry will host a luncheon for these graduates and their families. It's always a great time to remember and to celebrate.

It also gives us an opportunity to speak into the lives of these families.

Each year I get the opportunity to speak specifically to this group. And while the group is different each year - I also always say something different. This year I intend to give them the example of three people I know well who have lived long - and lived before God. I want to hold them up as examples for Christian living.

One of the great blessings of our church is the opportunity to be in a multi-generational congregation. This allows us to observe people at all stages of life.

Right now, we have six generations in our congregation, beginning with the youngest (*often called Generation Z or iGen*) - all the way to the Greatest Generation (*in which 400,000 Americans of this generation died during WWII to preserve liberty*).

Each of these generations are important because God created us all and loves us all. Each person of every age needs to hear the Good News Message of God's love and redemption.

Today, let us celebrate our graduates, and let us celebrate God's love for each and every one.