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You were created by God, in His image.

Genesis 1:26-28 (NIV)

“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,[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground.

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

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.”

Imago Dei = Image of God, means in likeness, or similarity, to God.

To which kingdom do you belong?

“But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.” Philippians 3:19-20 (NLT)

“Friends, this world is not your home, so don’t make yourselves cozy in it. Don’t indulge your ego at the expense of your soul.” 1 Peter 2:11 (MSG)

What is our Primal Urge, our super objective?

“It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.” Ephesians 1:11-12 (MSG)

Colossians 1:16b says, “Everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him.”

Missio Dei = “mission of God” or the “sending of God.”

“For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.” Deuteronomy 14:2 (KJV)

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)

God’s Peculiar People:

1. Community of praise in a world of doubt and skepticism
2. Community of truth in a pluralistic society
3. Selfless society

4. Community that lives out the gospel in public life
5. Community committed to mutual responsibility in a world of individualism
6. Community of hope

Jeremiah 17:7-8

“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him.

They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.”

What is the center of my life?

What will be the character of my life?

What will be the contribution of my life?

What will be the communication of my life?

What will be the community of my life?

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