

- iii. Similar uses of image and likeness – the terms image and likeness are used together twice in the Bible. God made Adam in His image and likeness in Genesis 1:26 and Adam’s son Seth was born in Adam’s \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Genesis 5:3.
- iv. Since God is Spirit and not flesh and blood by nature (John 4:24), we do not hold that our being in the image and likeness of God relates to man’s physical appearance. Therefore, all people possess \_\_\_\_\_ of God as a son possesses the traits of his father.

b. What is the Image of God in man?<sup>1</sup>

- iii. Personality – Man is a person being in the same pattern as God in Trinity. We are designed to in \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_. God declared that it was not good for man to be alone (Gen. 1:18). We were made to be in relationship with both God and others.
- iv. Spirituality – Man was created to offers up worship to our Creator. The psalmists reveal that we are truly human in our \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 8:1; 104:1, 24, 33). We destroy the image of God in us when we worship the created instead of the Creator (Rom 1:18-32).
- v. Rationality – The superiority of man to animals is revealed in our ability to make rational informed decisions. We use language to communicate, pursue advances in knowledge, and discover unforeseen connections in God’s creation. The rationality of man reflects \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s creation (Ps 92:4-7).
- vi. Morality – God is a holy and moral being. God’s holiness is stamped upon the hearts of man, and we are to interact with others as a reflection of the holiness of God (Lev. 19:2; I Pet 1:15). When we walk in sin \_\_\_\_\_ in us.

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<sup>1</sup> This list was presented by Philip Hughes in *The True Image: The Origin and Destiny of Man in Christ*.

- vii. Authority – God is the final authority and judge of all (Gen 18:25). We are to exercise authority over this created world (Gen 1:28). When we exercise authority over the earth to bring \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, we fulfill the image of God in us.
- viii. Creativity – The creativity of God is clearly and powerful displayed throughout creation (Matt 6:28). Whenever mankind brings parts of creation into new relationship with \_\_\_\_\_, we display the creativity of God through our ideas and actions.

## II. The Purpose of Man

- a. Dominion – the explicit will of God for man in Genesis 1:26, 28 is for man to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ over the earth. The terms subdue and rule are primarily used in the context of one man or nation ruling over another. God calls on man not to rule in harshness but in justice and peace. When the two terms are presented in the context of creation before the fall and the use of animals for food, it appears that God is calling on Adam and Eve to settle and bring order to this world. Settlements, towns, and cities of man are not a violation of God’s creation but the goal of His plans.
- b. Glorify God – Paul tells us very succinctly in I Corinthians 10:31 to give glory to God in \_\_\_\_\_, be it something as simple and common as eating or drinking. The most famous question in the Westminster Shorter Catechism states it with the same simplicity.

What is the chief end of man?

*Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.*

*We glorify God when we make God’s presence concrete in His creation by spreading the truth of the Gospel and walking in the fruits of the Spirit.*