

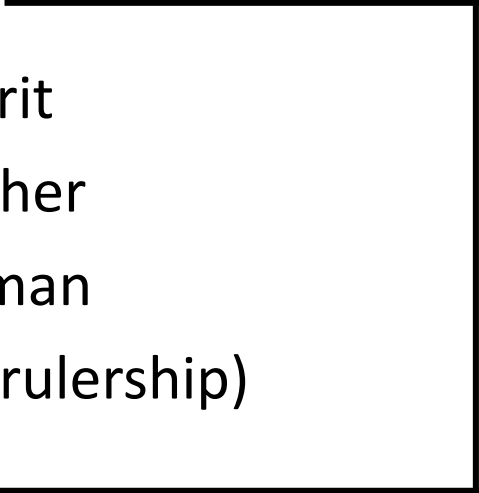
What the Bible Actually Says
“Man and Eternal Life”
Who Are We?

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This presentation is one of a series about *Man and Eternal Life*.
What the Bible Actually Says about the title question will be presented in this one.
See the [Introduction](#) presentation for an overview of the series.

Who are we?

Outline

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 - Man is in the image of God, body and spirit
 - We preexisted as spirits with God our Father
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WTBAS: Who are we?

Man is in the image of God, body and spirit

- God created man in his own image

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (Gen 1:27)

- Man's body was created from the earth

And the Lord (a) God formed man of the dust of the ground, and (b) breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (Gen 2:7)

- Man's spirit came from God

Then shall (a) the dust return to the earth as it was: and (b) the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. (Eccl 12:7)

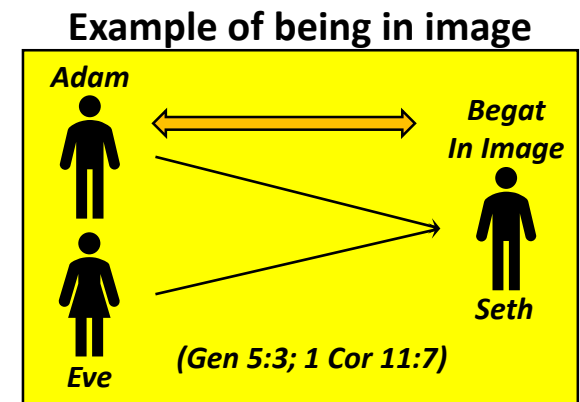
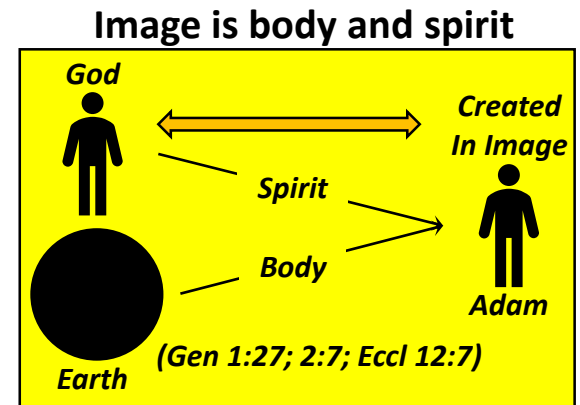
From (a) & (b):
Only thing created was man's body.
Spirit came from God.

- Adam is the image of God as Seth is in the image of Adam

And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: (Gen 5:3)

- Even after the Fall, man is in the image of God

For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. (1Cor 11:7)



WTBAS: Who are we?

We preexisted as spirits with God our Father

- God is the Father of our spirits

Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? (Heb 12:6)

- Christ existed with the Father prior to taking on a body

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. ... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-2, 14)

- Like Christ we existed with the Father prior to taking on a body

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (Gen 2:7)

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. (Eccl 12:7)

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. (Jer 1:5)

WTBAS: Who are we?

Man is image of God; woman is glory of man

- Man is specifically said to be **(a)** in the image of God

*So God created man in his own image,
(a) in the image of God created he him;
(b) male and female created he them. (Gen 1:26)*

- Woman is said to be **(b)** the glory of the man.

*For a (a) man indeed ought not to cover his head,
forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God:
but the (b) woman is the glory of the man. (1 Cor 11:7)*

WTBAS: Who are we?

We have capabilities like God

Earth life is a learning experience:

- How to care for a family
- How to rule over our environment
- Preparation for ruling nations

Genesis implies that we have capabilities like God: **dominion**

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. (Gen 1:26-28)

Revelation seems to confirm this: **rulership**

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. (Rev 2:26-27)

Commentary: Nature of God

Three-in-One Trinity?

- No one in the Christian world has any idea what the Trinity doctrine could possibly mean (three-in-one?)

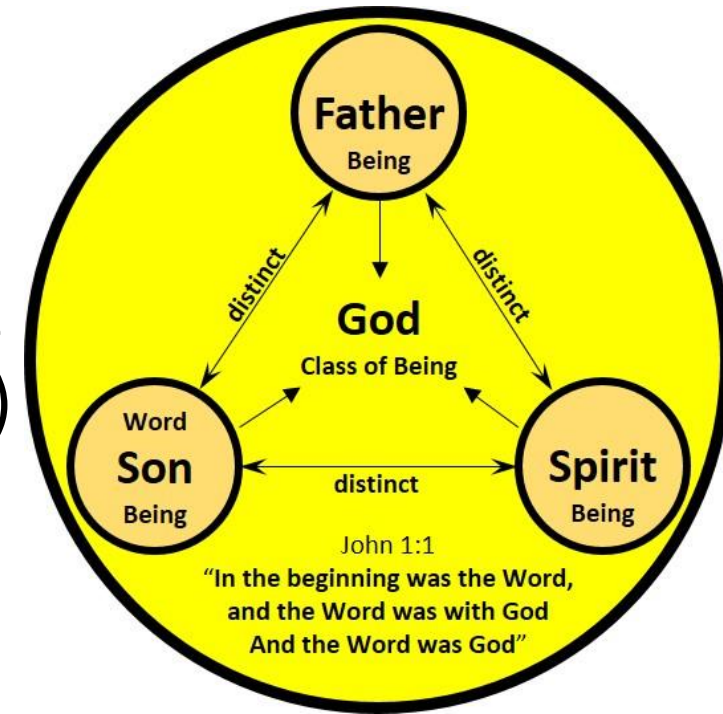
- Better model

Google: [what does the trinity doctrine mean](#)

- Three persons: Father, Son, and Spirit
- Each in class of beings called God
- Act together as one Godhead (Acts 17:29) to bring about the plan of salvation

- There is one God (Mark 12:29,32), the Father
(John 17:1-3; Rom 15:6; ; 1 Cor 8:4-6; Eph 4:4-6)
Not a three-in-one we don't know what it is!

- Christ is now like the Father; body and spirit
- We are like Christ and the Father; body and spirit



Commentary: Nature of God

God is Spirit?

- God is spirit

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (John 4:24)

- Note: No article “a” in original language

- God is Love

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. (1John 4:7-8)

- Characteristics of God are Spirit, Love

**Man is spirit just as God is Spirit.
Worship is spirit to Spirit.**

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Conclusion

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- We have capabilities like God (dominion/rulership)

We are the spiritual offspring of God in earthly bodies