

EPHESIANS

THE DIVINE DESIGN



*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. 2:10*

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What Does That Mean?



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Let Us Make Man In Our Image



We are spiritual beings



God is a Spirit:

and they that worship him
must worship him in spirit
and in truth.

John 4:24

What
What does it
profit a man
to gain the
whole world

and

forfeit his soul?
forfeit his soul?
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We possess God's nature

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."
Genesis 2:18



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**We possess the capacity for a
unique relationship to God**

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**Man was given
the capacity to rule.**

IMAGGO DEI



GENESIS
IN THE BEGINNING




The Divine Design

What is God's original design,
and what part do we play?



“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.”

Genesis 1:26 (KJV)

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a globe of the Earth. The hand is positioned on the right side of the globe, with fingers wrapped around it. The globe shows the continents of North and South America in a light tan color, set against a deep blue background representing the oceans. The background of the entire image is a textured, light-colored surface with some dark, abstract shapes and a small, stylized white logo in the upper right corner.

*God blessed them
and said to them, “Be
fruitful and increase
in number; **fill the
earth and subdue it.**
Rule over every living
creature that moves
on the ground.”*

Genesis 1:28

GENESIS

3:16

¹⁶ To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire *shall be* for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

GENESIS

Genesis 3:16 (NLT)

¹⁶ Then he said to the woman, “I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.”

GENESIS

Genesis 3:16 (MSG)

¹⁶ He told the Woman: "I'll multiply your pains in childbirth; you'll give birth to your babies in pain. You'll want to please your husband, but he'll lord it over you."

GENESIS

Genesis 3:16 (GNT)

And he said to the woman, “I will increase your trouble in pregnancy and your pain in giving birth. In spite of this, you will still have desire for your husband, yet you will be subject to him.”

GENESIS

3:17

¹⁷ To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.



¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope;

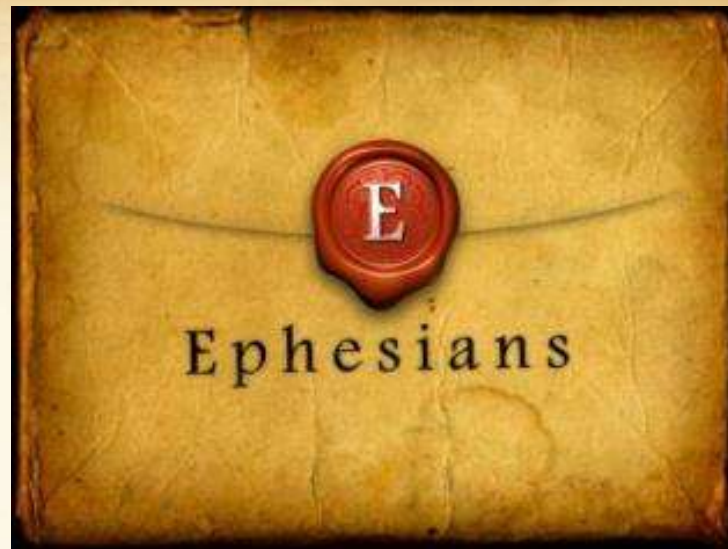


1:12 (NLT)

12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.



*"I will be a Father to you,
and you will be my
sons and daughters,
says the Lord Almighty."
2 Corinthians 6:18*



for we are God's **MASTERPIECE**,
He has created us anew in Christ
So we can do the good things
He planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10

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Don't let evil conquer you,
but conquer evil by doing good.

(Romans 12:21)

A day of restoration



Revelation 20:6

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

“For God has allowed us to know the secret of His plan, and it is this: He purposed long ago in His sovereign will that all human history should be consummated in Christ, that everything that exists in Heaven or earth should find its perfection and fulfillment in Him.”

(Ephesians 1:9-10 – J. B. Phillips Translation)

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