

CFC-102. THE CREATION OF MAN, & GOD'S PURPOSE

1. The Creation Of Man

- God created man on the earth in His own image and likeness in two physical forms – male and female (man and woman). (Gen 1.26-27, 5.1-2, Deut 4.32, Isa 45.12).

2. Man is a spiritual being

- Man is a spiritual being as He was created in the image and likeness of God Who is a Spirit. We have a soul and live in this world in a physical earthly body. Our spiritual part is our spirit and soul. Our physical part is our earthly body. (1Thess 5.23, Heb 4.12).
- Our spirit binds us to God (Joh 4:24). Our soul is where we have self-awareness as men. (Gen 2:7). Then our physical body is our means of living in this world.
- The male and female are spiritually equal in God's sight. One is not inferior to the other. (Gen 2.18, 21-25, 5.1-2, 1Cor 11.11-12).

3. The Purpose For Man

- God is called "The Father". This name is pointer to His purpose in creation.
- He created us to have a loving family. He meant us to be His children, and created us so - in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26-27. See also Isa 42.5, Zech 12.1).
- He made us a being He could share Himself with – all that He is and all that He is involved with. (Psa 8.3-8).

4. Jesus the Pattern Son

- Initially, it was only the Son of God (our Lord Jesus Christ) Who was with God in the intimate fellowship he seeks. (Pro 8.22-30, Matt 11:27, John 1.18, 32-34, 5.17, 8.42, 17.1-5, 10-11).
- In the creation of man, the intention of God is to have others like His Son Jesus, so that Jesus should not be alone but should have many brethren with whom God could share His love, affection and glory. (Rom 8.29, Heb 2.10).
- To the Son of God, we were to be His brethren - with Him as the Head. God intended to have His only begotten Son impart His life to man (John 1.12-13, 15.4-5, 9-10, 1John 1.1-3, 5.9-12) thereby giving to God the Father a family in mankind. This has been the eternal (pre-determinate) purpose for man (Pro 8:22-32, Rom 8:29, Heb 2:10, 12.9-10, John 17.22-24).
- And this is the reason for the GREAT LOVE between God and man. The value of mankind hinges upon this.
- God intended for the earth to be populated with mankind as children of God. (Gen 1.27-28, Mal 2.14-15).