

Reclaiming Your Purpose
Genesis 1:26-30, 2:16-17, & 3:16-19

You and I were created to _____ God, to the rest of the world. As the hymn says, “_____.” For this reason, humans were created in the _____ of God—with enough in common to be like a _____ or a photo image of God and with the ability to commune with Him. We were made to _____ and _____ with God. It’s how God created us to be able to discern His purpose for us daily and represent His nature and His will in the world. And when we do that, God promises _____.

But there is a second part to the story of God’s promise of fruitfulness through pursuing His purpose for your life. God placed one _____ on our freedom: To eat of the tree of forbidden fruit was to choose to represent _____ rather than _____. That decision resulted in the _____ of God’s image in us.

But the story isn’t over. The rest of Scripture narrates the history of God’s plan to _____ His image in the world ultimately through sending His Son, Jesus, into the world—“the _____ of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.” (Col. 1:15). And for those who have accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord: We “have put on the new self, which is being _____ in knowledge in the _____ of its Creator” (Col. 3:10).

Let’s retrace our steps. First, humans were created in God’s image to walk and talk with Him so they could know His will and be His _____ in the world. This would result in _____. Second, like Adam and Eve, all humans have chosen to represent themselves rather than God. They have _____ their communion with God, lost their ability to represent Him accurately, and found fruitfulness _____. But, Jesus, the image of the invisible God, came to renew the image of the Creator in us that we might experience the fruitfulness God desires for us.

There is no restoration compared to the reclamation of _____ that happens when any person chooses to receive the Son and let Jesus _____ the _____ image of the Creator in his or her life.