

THE REAL YOU

Image of God

Foundation 1

Genesis 1 and 2

I. THE IMAGE OF GOD (Genesis 1:1)

- We learn a lot about God from the first verse in the Bible: the beginning implies an ending; the name for God is in the plural; He created all things out of nothing; the creation included the entire space, time, matter universe.
- From this first chapter of Genesis we learn that God is eternal, all powerful, and is triune consisting of Father, Son and Holy Spirit (*Genesis 1:1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, etc.*).

II. THE IMAGE OF MAN (Genesis 1:2-28)

- Life: Plants have a body; animals a body and soul; man a body, soul, and spirit (*Gen. 1:20, 21, 24, 2:7, 1 Thess. 5:23*).
- Man is made in the image of God in two ways:
 1. He has a mind to know God, a will to choose God, and emotions to love God.
 2. He is triune, body, soul, and spirit; and is eternal as far as the future is concerned.
- God, who is spirit, communicated with man's spirit, which then directed his soul and thence his body which interacted with the world.
- Man was given two tasks: to reproduce and to rule over God's creation (*Genesis 1:28*).

Illustrations

