

full knowledge deep devotion



BEAUTIFUL



BROKEN



BOUGHT

We are Beautifully **C**_____.

- IMAGO DEI is Latin for "the image of God". Genesis 1:26-27 says that God created both male and female in his own image.
- Men and women are **D**_____ yet equal.
- **A**_____ people bear God's image and all have incredible value..
- People are created to be in **R**_____ with God.
- People are created to participate in productive work with God.
- In God's paradise, there is no **S**_____ and no death.
- Everything needed is provided.
- The tree of life is there.
- God gives people **F**_____ **W**_____. Adam is commanded, "...you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die" (Genesis 2:17). The choice to obey or disobey God's word is theirs to freely make.

We are Broken by **S**_____.

- Adam and Eve disobey God by choosing to eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil after they are lied to and tempted by the **S**_____ (Genesis 3:1-6).
- They feel shame and **H**_____ (Genesis 3:7-8).
- God confronts Adam, then Eve, then the snake (Genesis 3:9-14).
- God curses the snake (Genesis 3:14-15).
- God curses Eve (Genesis 3:16).
- God curses Adam (Genesis 3:17-19).
- They are **C**_____ **O**_____ from God and the garden (Genesis 3:23-24).
- Pain, Shame, Blame, and death enter the world (Genesis 3-4).
- Adam dies (Genesis 5:5).
- The Bible teaches that, like Adam, **A**_____ people have sin and are cut off from God as a result (Isaiah 59:2; Romans 3:23).
- Because of sin, people are under God's **W**_____ (John 3:36; Colossians 1:21; Ephesians 2:3; Romans 1:18, 2:5).
- There is nothing people can do in their own strength to **C**_____ this situation (Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:9-12; James 2:10).

We are Bought by **J**_____.

- Our salvation was purchased with the blood of Jesus who died for **O**_____ sins (1 Corinthians 15:2-5; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 7:23; Acts 20:28; Revelation 5:9).
- Jesus is the **O**_____ way of salvation (John 14:6).
- **A**_____ who believe in him are saved from the death penalty of sin and receive eternal life (John 3:16, 5:24).
- Salvation was **C**_____ for God (Romans 5:8; read the crucifixion accounts in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) but a **F**_____ gift to us (Romans 6:23).
- Salvation is a gift that is received by faith, **N**_____ by works (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- Genuine saving faith is accompanied by **R**_____ (Acts 2:38a; 1 Peter 2:24).
- The gift of salvation is primarily about **R**_____ (Acts 2:38b; John 17:3).
- The gift of salvation is to be **C**_____ in every season (1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Colossians 1:22-23; James 1:12; Mark 4:1-20; Hebrews 10:36-39; throughout Revelation).
- The Holy Spirit plays a significant role in the process of our salvation by **T**_____ us (2 Corinthians 3:18; Titus 3:4-6; Galatians 5:16-26; John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 12:7; Acts 1:8) and **A**_____ that we are saved and belong to the family of God (Romans 8:16).

ESSENTIAL TRUTH #3

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

Why does this matter?

- Salvation as a gift that is different than other gifts because it is primarily a gift of relationship. This has implications.
- Salvation is not point-in-time only, it is also a lifelong process involving continual transformation brought about by the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As such, our relationship with God is something to be **F**_____.
- Salvation includes reconciliation. God cares for **A**___ creation, especially for people because **A**___ people are made in his image. Sin separates **A**___ people from God. Jesus died for our sins to reconcile us to himself. Salvation is granted to **A**___ who believe. This gospel message is going to be proclaimed to people from **A**___ nations, which means we **A**___ have a role to play in spreading it.

Additional Notes:

Going Deeper

Take some time this week to discuss these questions with others.

1. *Would you ever stand on the corner of a busy street with a sign that said, "John 3:16"? Why or why not?*
2. *When talking about salvation, works are not required on our part but repentance is. How is repentance different than works?*
3. *Salvation was costly to God, yet free to us—why are both these facts important to remember?*
4. *Read Ephesians 2:8, 1 Corinthians 1:18, and Romans 13:11. These three verses communicate to believers: "You have been saved, you are being saved, you will be saved". Can you explain this?*
5. *Why is the role of the Holy Spirit important in the process of salvation?*
6. *Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. According to these verses, being Christ's ambassador means being "compelled by love" and being involved in the ministry of reconciliation. The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation is this week. As we lovingly strive to participate in Christ's ministry of reconciliation, why is it important to remember that abuse has been done in the name of Christ in the past? What might it look like today to truly be an ambassador of Christ, compelled by love, in our community?*

Reflection & Application

Take a moment to prayerfully consider the following questions.

What is one thing I learned about God today?

Why does this matter?

How might knowing this affect the way I live?