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God's Self-Revelation in Creation

Genesis 1:1–3 (NLT)

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

²The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

³Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

The Creation of Human Beings

Genesis 1:26 (NLT)

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”

Created to be Image-Bearers of God

Colossians 1:27 (NLT)

²⁷So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.



Created for a Unique Role on Earth

Colossians 1:28 (NLT)

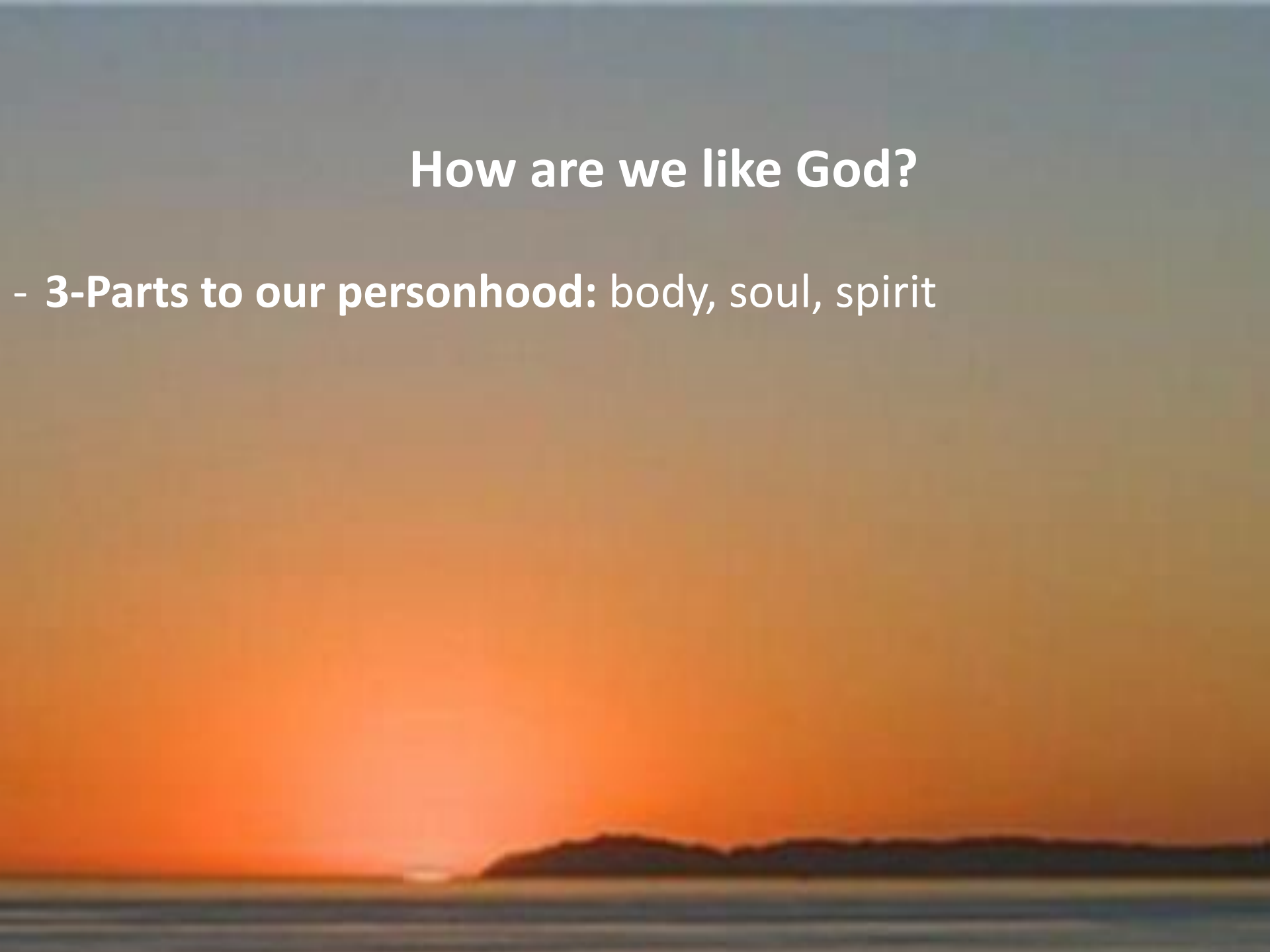
²⁸Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

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- **Free Will:** It is a God-given right to us

Jesus' Role in Creation

Colossians 1:15–20 (NLT)

¹⁵Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,

¹⁶for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.

¹⁷He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

Jesus' Supremacy in Re-Creation

Colossians 1:18–20 (NLT)

¹⁸Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.

¹⁹For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,
²⁰and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

Jesus & Nicodemus: A Lesson on the Spirit & Flesh

John 3:1–3 (NLT)

¹There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee.

²After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus.

“Rabbi,” he said, “we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.”

³Jesus replied, **“I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”**

John 3:4 (NLT)

⁴“What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?”

John 3:5–7 (NLT)

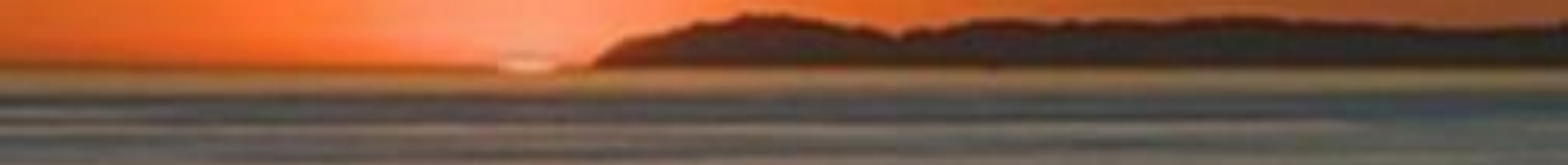
⁵Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.

⁶Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.

⁷So don't be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again.’

John 3:8 (NLT)

⁸The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."





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