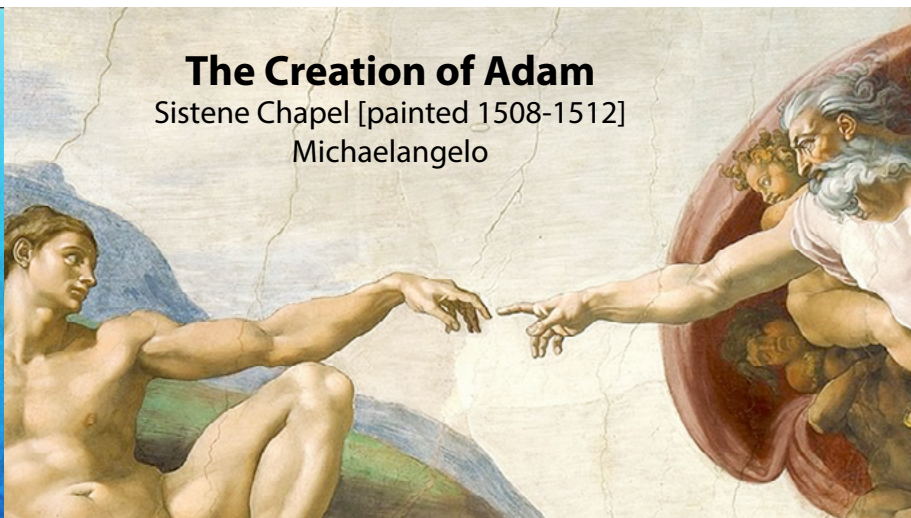


Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS – 7/27/22



Made in His image



The Creation of Adam

Sistine Chapel [painted 1508-1512]

Michaelangelo

Genesis 1:24-27 NLT

Then God said, *"Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals."* And that is what happened. God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, *"Let US make human beings [MAN] 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."*

So God created human beings [MAN] in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.

James 3:9 NLT

Sometimes [the tongue] praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in **the image of God**.

1 John 5:20 VOICE

We also can be sure of the fact that the Son of God has come and **given us a mind so that we may know Him** as the embodiment of all that is true. We live in this truth, in His Son Jesus, the Anointed One. He is the True God and eternal life.

FROM FOCUS ON THE FAMILY – *Did sin remove the image of God?*

Since man has sinned, he is certainly not as fully like God as he was before. His moral **purity has been lost** and his **sinful character certainly does not reflect God's holiness**. His **intellect is corrupted** by falsehood and misunderstanding; **his speech no longer continually glorifies God**; his relationships are often **governed by selfishness** rather than love, and so forth. Though man is still in the image of God, in **every aspect of life some parts of that image have been distorted or lost** (Systematic Theology, p. 444, emphasis added).

The image of God is what makes man human; man could not lose the image without ceasing to be what he is.

Moreover, it's **ONLY** because man keeps his image of God — even in a broken or distorted form — that man is redeemable and worth redeeming. Without it, God would have had no reason to send His Son to die on our behalf.

Colossian 3:8-10

But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices, and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge **after the image of its Creator**. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.