GENESIS



PLACE

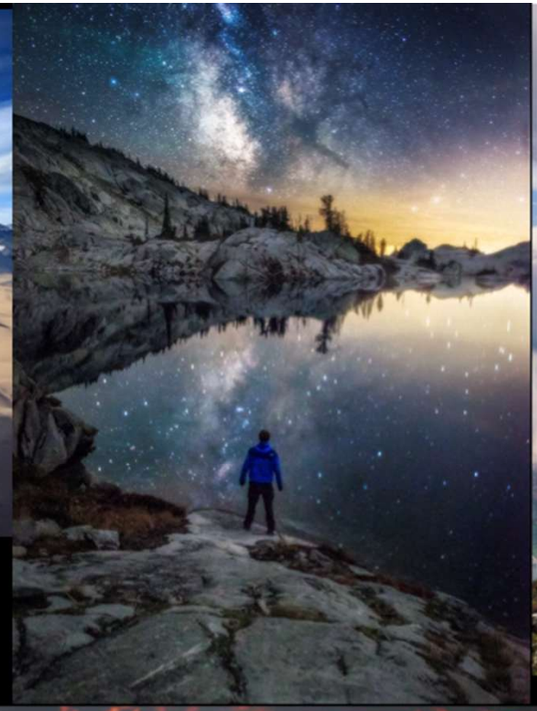


PEOPLE

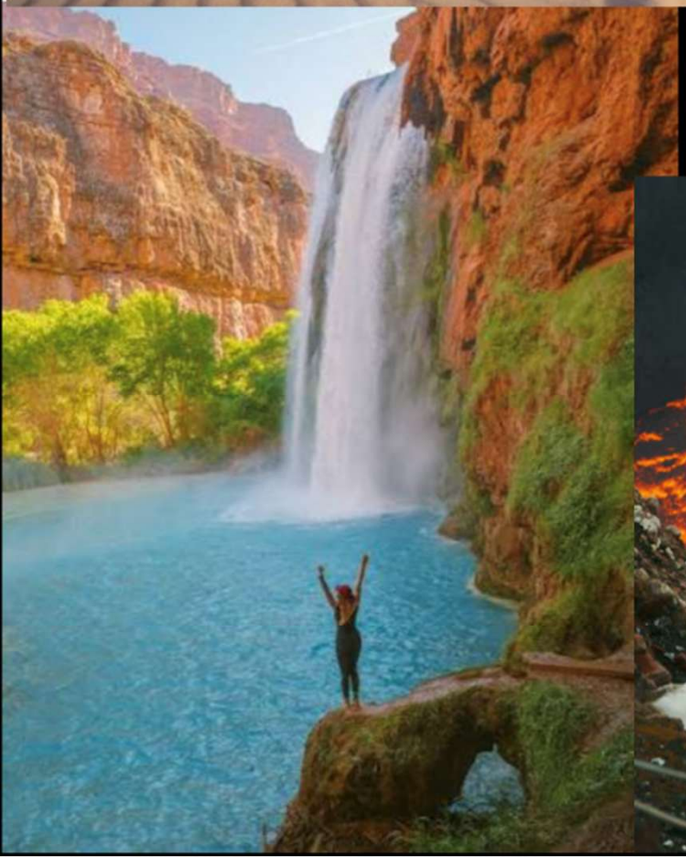


PRESENCE







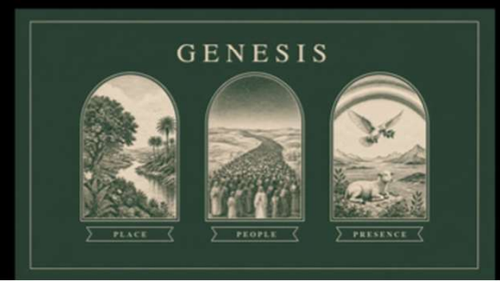






Genesis 1:26-31

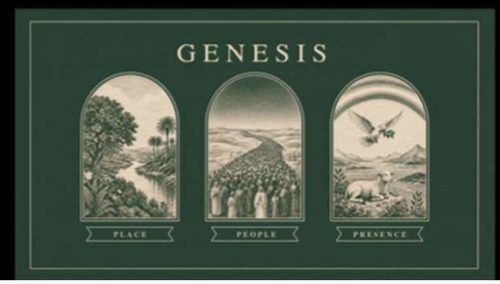
God is in you for the expansion of God's glory



1) God is in you

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”
So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.



Genesis 1:26, 3:22, 11:7 and Isaiah 6:8

Let us make man in our own image, in our likeness.
So *God* created mankind in *his* own image.

The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil.
So *the Lord God* banished him from the Garden of Eden.

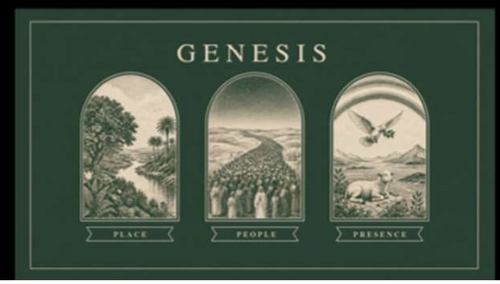
Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.
So *the Lord* scattered them…

Then I heard the voice of *the Lord* saying, "Whom shall *I send*? And who will go for us?"

1) God is in you

Genesis 2:7

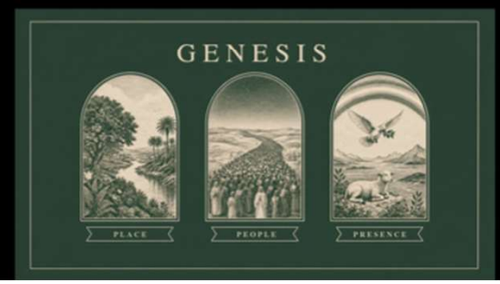
Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.



The Image of God

Is 2 truths. The *Imago Dei* is an Identity truth and a Purpose truth.

The fact that mankind is in the image of God means that mankind is <u>like</u> God and <u>represents</u> God.



2) God is in them, too

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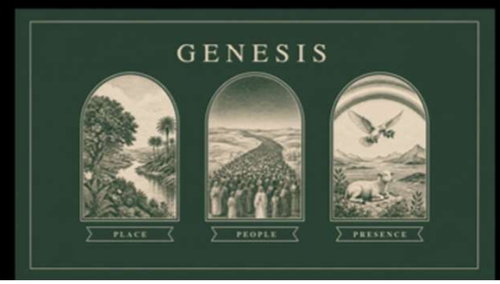
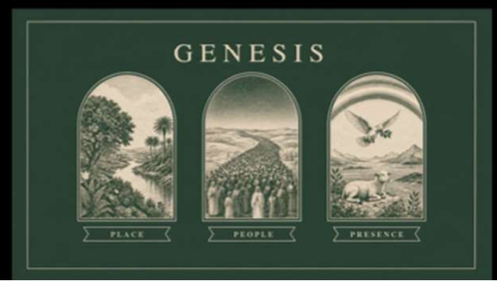


2) God is in them, too

Genesis 9:6 | Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.

James 3:9 | With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness.



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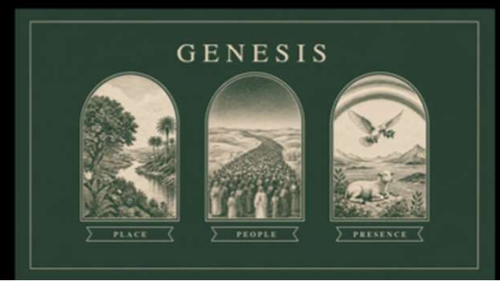
I look at a person as an image bearer of a holy God and I am not in any way spooked by whatever worldly identity that happens to be attached to that image bearer.

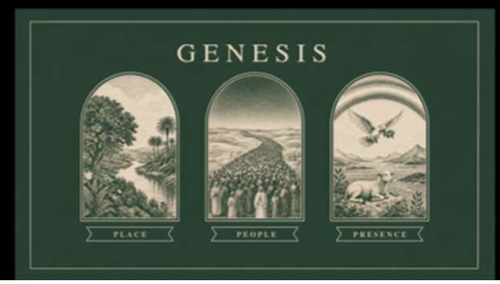
~ Rosaria Butterfield



3) For the expansion of God's glory

Genesis 1:28
God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 2:15
The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.



3 For the expansion of God's glory

Isaiah 43:7
Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

