

Question: Where does our sense of “self” come from?

Genesis 1: 26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our **image**, after our **likeness**. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Genesis 9:6 “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own **image**.”

1. When you think of God, what is the image that comes to mind?
2. Does our perception of God effect our relationship with Him?
3. What are some “misrepresentations” of God that are prominent in our culture?
4. As believers, are we partially responsible for those inaccurate perceptions of God?
5. If we want to have a clearer understanding of the “image” of God and, thus, a better understanding of our own, where do we begin?

Colossians 1 :15-20 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.